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Massive grow op discovered in Vertigo

Student society admits it was looking for a quick financial fix

by Corbin Zedog

A massive marijuana grow operation in Vertigo Nightclub was discovered in the SUB last week by *the Mullet* investigative reporting team.

The Society of UVic Students (SUS) admitted responsibility for the plants and said the grow operation was part of a massive effort to replenish depleted society coffers and make effective use of the Vertigo space.

The reporter discovered the operation when he stumbled into the nightclub thinking it was finance dictator Bonas Clifford's office.

The society was rounded up en masse by police last week for questioning.

Student union chair Hymie Splatten said the operation, which included 250 plants, could make back the $300,000 that are still at large, within a year.

"This is a fantastic way to make back the student money that we missed, lost, well, uh... that money from last year that we no longer have," she said. "The juice bar brings in pennies, this thing brings in dollars. Dollars by the thousand. Dollars! More money for protests! Placards! Yes!"

Adam Depleters, typically the only sober voice of reason on the board, admitted he thought it was a good idea.

"SUB businesses were doing okay this year, but we wanted a quick fix," he said. "And there were plenty of res kids next door creating a large demand for our supply."

The president of the campus 420 club gave the society kudos for what he called a "bold move."

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>
> *Hymie Splatten*

"The ceiling in Vertigo is so high, it would have been hard to grow marijuana in there," said Herb Green. "I think the society should be congratulated."

The Federation of Associated Canadian Intellectual Students for Today (FACIST) is reportedly considering their own grow operation.

"We could supply the federal government with medicinal pot," said FACIST BC Chair Winter McFadyen. "That would be the best money spinner for FASCIST since Travel Hikes."

Clifford, the society's financial whiz, said he was skeptical at first but has no regrets.

"It's easy money. And the fringe benefits . . . well, shit, look at this mother!" Clifford said, waving a huge 'fattie.'

If the project is successful, the idea may spread to other parts of the campus. Faced with a job shortage in the wake of provincial governments cutbacks, the Arts & Writing Co-op is considering a similar move – the Arts & Writing Grow-Op.

"No pun intended, but there's a lot of growth in this field," said Co-op King Bon Daily. "Who wants to answer phones at BC Hydro in Williams Lake for nine dollars an hour, when they could be making fat cash in a basement in Maple Ridge and getting a knapsack full of bud at the end of the work term!"

Saanich Police are letting the operation go for now.

"Ahh . . . it's Victoria," the Saanich Police chief said. "You can't spit without hitting a grow operation. Kids these days. You know."

Clifford and the board closed Vertigo last fall when they realized that it lost thousands and thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars of student money.

There have been many interesting proposals to use the space but this was the most lucrative, Clifford said.

photo by Graham Summertop

Who needs a dance floor? Finally Vertigo is going to make us some money. Student fiscal interests will be soundly taken care of for years to come with this phat medicinal and recreational green haul.

Propagandist to keep campus media in line

by Derrik Skrudup

Using the recent windfall from various dodgy revenue sources, the SUS will establish a director of propaganda on next year's board.

The Mullet learned through a leaked document the first responsibility for the bureau will be to plant a food reviewer in *the Mullet* to give positive food reviews for SUB food services.

The assignment was allegedly at the request of campus pub manager David Grumpypants. Grumpypants had threatened to pull advertising from *the Mullet* after the campus rag published a story about the painfully slow service in campus pub Fellatiotas.

Grumpypants refused to comment as usual, but Director at Large Adam Depleters, who typically hovers just outside *the Mullet*'s office slavering to be quoted, spoke to a reporter.

"I think this will be a positive step in student governance," said the board loudmouth. "Of course I'll be in the public service next year, making fat cash and living the high life, so what do I really care?"

The student alternative cried foul over the move.

"This is too much like the US government," said Theresa Goaway, leader of the student opposition. "I thought we had a monopoly on mimicking George Dubya."

Goaway said the move incensed the student opposition so much that they may actually attend a board meeting next year.

Other plans for the propaganda director include a massive leaflet campaign to encourage students to march and protest any issue they feel strongly about.

"As long as students are out in the streets marching and shouting about something, we'll feel like we're doing our job," said SUS Chair Hymie Splatten.

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Legislated cull of B.C. students to revitalize economy

by Dogwood Groves

The number of B.C. students will go down in the next 20 years if Gordon Campbell gets his way.

In addition to the deregulation of tuition fees, the BC Liberals unilaterally passed a bill in the legislature on April 1 mandating a one child maximum policy for all B.C. couples.

It will be the responsibility of B.C. families to eat any additional children, whether fully-grown or newborn, the bill adds.

Campbell said this new law would greatly encourage the new era he envisions for B.C.

With less student enrollment in universities, less competition for training-wage jobs and a lower welfare population, the new law will lessen the financial burden on the province, said Campbell.

He added the new law will also give the government the chance to contract out services to a private company of inspectors, who will go door to door to make sure B.C. families follow the new law.

"Such a contract would likely provide jobs for the 11,700 deadbeat civil servants we fired back in January," he said.

But critics of the new law were quick to point out that it doesn't make sense and will not stimulate the economy.

"By decreasing the number of young people, you decrease the number of consumers buying useless crap they don't need," said Tummeni Decimal, a UVic economist. "But what do I know, I just have a PhD in economics."

Morgan Woof, a UVic political scientist agreed.

"What the hell are the Liberals thinking? Nothing they do really surprises me anymore and this law is no exception."

Opposition in the legislature was loud and heated from the tiny NDP caucus, but since no one really cared what they had to say, both members were drugged with chloroform and dragged into a broom closet.

The bill passed with unanimous support.

But street protest to the new law will be heated, said Winter McFadyen, the Federation of Associated Socialist Canadian Intellectual Students for Today (FASCIST) spokesperson.

"We will protest until Campbell stops watching video tapes of the Olympics and starts listening to us," she said.

Dissidents within UVic's student movement have been seen purchasing black UVic hoodies, ski masks and a length of rope from the UVic Bookstore.

The rope was purchased from a back room said a bookstore employee, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Students have also been seen eyeing a large elm tree located on the legislature's lawn. One student was even reported to have measured the length from the base to an overhanging branch.

McFadyen refused to elaborate on these actions.

"You'll just have to wait and see," she said.

Campbell said the angry university students are not important to the new BC Liberal strategy.

"They're a special interest group just like everyone else in this province, except rich, middle-aged, white men who voted Liberal," he said.

There's plankton a-plenty at UVic

by redrah nad

Despite growing concerns in the university community about the diminution of plankton levels at UVic over the past few years, a recent study has shown the levels are exactly where they should be. The study, which takes place every six years was conducted by Planktor Inc., an independent group specializing in planktonology.

"This was just a routine checkup," quoth Gretchen Perforateur, Planktor Inc. leader. "Nothing unexpected nor peculiar was discovered. In fact, slightly more plankton than expected is on campus."

Despite these findings, many remain suspicious and some members of the campus community have concocted conspiracy theories.

Says Frank Wiltor in a rather lengthy diatribe, "I, like, you know. I like. Yeah. I just don't believe that there could be as much plankton as is necessary. My pet whale, whom I keep on campus most of the time, has begun losing weight at an alarming rate since the beginning of this school year. What I think has happened is that the documents have been altered so that the minimum numbers are lower than they truly should be. It would be incredibly simple to do, because who really cares about plankton numbers? Well I do! And I don't understand at all why the Society of UVic Students (SUS) just isn't doing anything about this."

Other campus whales have also been losing weight and been looking more and more malnourished recently but none were available for comment.

As for the SUS, they have all been far too occupied with former-Vertigo's grow-op to do anything about anything, let alone plankton.

"What is this 'plankton' thing of which you speak?" droned Bonas Clifford and Spydah Web in unison. Apparently somebody has never had a pet whale. Perhaps one day, though. One day they may know the joys of these marvelously magnificent mammals.

photo provided

H. rubra, one of the tastiest of the plankton species, can often be seen frolicking happily about campus.

But a digression has been made. The story will now alert readers to the other side so it appears to be unbiased. Start here.

Stu Altive, a beloved campus figure, has a pet whale.

"My whale is happy as can be. There is ample plankton here for all. In fact, the plankton is just so ample that it should be cut back," says Altive. "Actually, I don't see why we need plankton on campus at all. If a student wants to have a whale, he or she should take on the responsibility of providing the plankton himself or herself. Yeah."

There is, however, no current plan whatsoever about on-campus plankton, whether it be augmentation or reduction due to the findings of Planktor.

If you are curious and would like more details about plankton at UVic, or in Victoria in general, Planktor cannot be reached.

Mullet more green friendly

by Dogwood Groves

The Mullet will stop printing on newsprint and start printing on Styrofoam cups.

As of April 11 all copies of UVic's student newspaper will be printed on recycled Styrofoam cups harvested on campus by the UVic Sustainability Project.

Mullet editor Derrik Skrudup said the new printing process was decided at last week's editorial meeting in response to the collective's environmental concerns.

"Every time we print an issue we have to chop down a forest," he said. "It blocks our chi flow."

Lisa Hinders, mismanaging editor for *the Mullet*, added the final decision was fiercely debated.

Used SUS placards and discarded banana skins were among other environmentally friendly alternatives suggested at the meeting, said Hinders. Both were later voted down.

One of the newspaper's staff writers brought in a petition against the proposed use of the placards saying they would be used again in the' upcoming SUS protest.

Some writers also raised concerns over the genetically modified banana skins. *Mullet* staffer extraordinaire, David Peaball said the bananas' biotech genes are proven to spur the growth of extra digits.

"I don't want to grow a third arm while I'm reading the news," said Peaball, waving his fingers and wiggling his toes.

Hinders added the decision to use Styrofoam cups will allow *Mullet* readers to multitask.

"The cups will give them the chance to drink their coffee and read the paper at the same time," she said.

But not every member of the newspaper's editorial staff approved of the new printing policy.

Martet news editor Dogwood Groves derided the change since it would force the paper to cut down on the content of all sections to fit around the tiny Styrofoam cup.

"That means there'll be less of my ego-driven copy in the paper," she said.

UVic students interviewed were generally in favour of the switch. Jon Smith, a third-year Environmental Studies student said the shift to Styrofoam cups will make it easier for him to get through most of *the Mullet's* content.

"This way *the Mullet* will have less whiny commie tripe I'll have to wade through to get to that one grain of unbiased, journalism they put in by mistake," he said.

Various Victoria hippies also praised *the Mullet* for it's green friendly move.

"I feel the earth goddess rising within me," said Sunshower Love, from beneath a quaff of patchouli soaked dreadlocks."I used to use *the Mullet* as recycled toilet paper. Now I'll have to subscribe to the *Times Colonist*."

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News Briefs

Investigation underway in *Mullet* credibility crisis

by Mikey Joy, Bonas Clifford and Adam Depleters

The University of Victoria independent student newspaper, *the Mullet*, discovered after a routine audit of last year's "publications" that it is suffering from substantial credibility losses.

An investigation was launched and the Saanich Police Delinquent Journalist Unit was immediately dispatched, armed with dictionaries and rumour sniffing dogs.

"A routine reading of *Mullet* publications showed a whopping 425,000 factual errors, spelling mistakes and miss-quotes," said *Mullet* horoscope writer and chief editor Derrik Skrudup.

"At this point it would be inappropriate and grossly libelous to point fingers at recently departed news editor Dogwood Groves," said Skrudup. Groves recently resigned from *the Mullet* and claimed to be moving to Europe to work on the student newspaper at the University of Belgium, *the Antwerplet*.

The news was not surprising to many *Mullet* readers, said Society of UVic Students (SUS) president Hymie Splatten.

"We've known this all along," Splatten allegedly exclaimed at a Board of Directors meeting *the Mullet* staff did not attend.

"The *Mullet* must be held accountable for these 375,000 errors," said recently disqualified election candidate Buck Smootten from his ring road go-kart. "If elected I will dictate full correctuals to *the Mullet*."

Vertigo grander re-opening draws record crowd

by Mikey Joy, Bonas Clifford and Adam Depleters

After many long months of reviewing creative proposals for the Vertigo barn and grill, the Society of UVic Students (SUS) Board of Directors was unable to decide among them and therefore proceeded with all of them.

The Vertigo opium-den-grow-op-massage-parlour-sweatshop-Coke-bottling-facility and nightclub re-opening was attended by a record crowd. The three in attendance, SNUBtext manager Mikey Joy and SUS directors Bonas Clifford and Adam Depleters, were pleased with the sold-out event.

"I wish we had room for more people," said Joy, as he enjoyed a massage and tanned under the overhead hydroponic lamps. "It's great to see so many of my ideas come to fruition. It's too bad to see the night club is still here," he said, blowing smoke rings with the hooka.

Depleters, who took second place in the recent SUS director of propaganda election, said, "I'm glad to be leaving a lasting legacy for the SUS," while ordering another martini and an imitation Gap sweater.

"It will be nice to come back for another year," said recently re-elected Clifford. "I wonder if I can move my office in here?".

RC Cola Club dictator Buck Smootten was outraged by the cola monopoly in the new Vertigo. "They should at least have a pajama day in there!" Smootten's proposal to build a go kart track in the new Vertigo was rejected by the SUS Board of Directors because it was inconsistent with their staunch political ideology.

Clifford finds the money!

by Mikey Joy, Bonas Clifford and Adam Depleters

After a routine load of laundry and a search for the remote control, Society of UVic Students (SUS) director of bean counting Bonas Clifford recently found the $425,000 he lost in October.

"It was between the couch cushions all along," said Clifford, noting that much of the money was also found in the lint trap of his drier.

"I really should do a wash more than twice a year," Clifford admitted.

"My accusations of money laundering were right the whole time," said recent director of bean counting candidate Houston Henapt.

SUS signs *Mullet* exclusivity deal

by Mikey Joy, Bonas Clifford and Adam Depleters

At a recent meeting, the Society of UVic Students (SUS) Board of Directors ratified the much-anticipated exclusivity deal with *the Mullet*, the esteemed UVic student newspaper.

While the exact nature of the deal is confidential, it is rumoured that *the Mullet* will provide weekly occurrences of hearsay and misinformation in exchange for the "ruthless removal of any and all competing print press."

Mullet horoscope writer and chief editor Derrik Skrudup was very excited about the new deal. "This should help us cover our fact crisis," Skrudup said.

When asked whether this agreement would compromise free press on campus, SUS president Hymie Splatten said, "Here's a copy of *the Mullet*. It will answer all of your questions."

The Dictatorial Assembly of sMonday sMagazine Readers (DAMMR), the smallest club in SUS history, was recently formed to advocate for free press choice. DAMMR executives set up a table at the Petch fountain, selling reading glasses with a free copy of *Monday Magazine* – for testing purposes only.

DAMMR president Buck Smootten vowed, "We will fight them on the opium dens, we will fight them in the sweatshop, we will fight them in the grow op, we will fight them in the barn and grill."

The estate of Winston Churchill later filed a copyright infringement suit against Smootten. The suit is expected to fail because Smootten was misquoted.

T and A not what you think

by Derrik Skrudup

The Mullet uncovered a shocking revelation about the student alternative election campaign.

At the group's latest *Temptation Island* screening, slate leader Theresa Goaway was heard talking heatedly into her cellphone to long-time mastermind Stu Altive. The conversation was recorded using a highly technological wiretap, commonly called an eavesdropper. *Mullet* investigative reporter David Peaball crouched behind a curtain as Goaway gave Altive a piece of her mind.

"T and A isn't the way!!" she said.

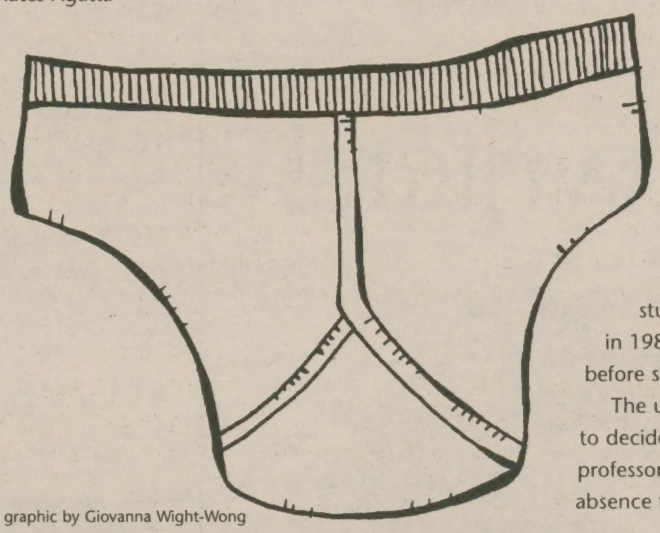
"T and A" typically stands for "Tits and Ass."

In this year's SUS election, Goaway's running mates Agatta Clueless and Tabatha Grumpard had written "Vote for T and A" on their campaign posters, they later said the letters stood for "Truth and Accountability" or "Tabatha and Agatta."

When confronted about the slogan, the two candidates told *the Mullet* they had no idea what connotations the term "T and A" would carry.

The "T and A" party were furious when the lefty status quo questioned the connotations of their posters, the fact that they placed campaign posters above urinals and the fact they wore racy tight clothes.

"We are so misunderstood," said Clueless. "T and A could stand for anything. How about 'Tofu and Alfalfa?'"



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Student trapped on campus

by Derrik Skrudup

A UVic student earlier reported missing is actually caught between classes, chatting.

Saanich Police responded to a call from Jeff Andrew's roommates after he didn't come home for five days. Jeff Andrew, a subculture studies major was actually caught in a perpetual conversation with acquaintances he ran into on campus.

"I just kept seeing people I knew and talking with them," he said, while waving to a pair of cute girls walking by. "I often get caught between classes but this is ridiculous."

A group of activists from a nearby protest camp are feeding the trapped student and authorities say he is actually in good health.

Andrew was walking between a Jack Kerouac appreciation class and a Tibetan hip-hop class when he was accosted.

"First I saw my roommate's girlfriend's friend and we chatted about last night's episode of *Lonely Planet*," said Andrew. "Then I saw a guy I played rugby with when I was four. We small-talked about the weather. Then I saw my ex-girlfriend's friend and talked about first-year res parties. It was a slippery slope."

This phenomena is common at the very social Victoria campus, but this is the worst-known case. A student was trapped for two days in 1983 but finally made it to class before she was reported missing.

The university senate will vote today to decide whether or not to allow professors to penalize Andrew for his absence from classes.

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Psychic guru to bring new life to history department

by Dogwood Groves

Citing a moment of "inspirational clarity," UVic's history department won't teach history anymore.

Starting May 1 the history department will take its share of increased tuition fees to focus its collective research on the future, rather than the past.

The department has also tentatively changed its name to the UVic Department of "Future Studies," pending formal approval from university president David Turpintine.

"Faculty and administrators both decided that the future is more practical than the past," said Turpintine.

He added a departmental focus on the future will help get more funding from the provincial government.

With the BC Liberal pledge to double the number of engineers and computer scientists within five years, the financial taps will gush for university departments only if they teach "relevant" subjects, said Turpintine.

Professors in the soon to be defunct history department added another reason for the switch centres around the idea that all history for the last century perpetuates imperialist modes of thought in the academic world.

Moving the department's focus will help erase these antiquated ideas, said Craig Red, a history professor who advocates the switch.

"Traditional history is rife with imperialist oppression and the postmodernist alternatives really don't make any sense when it comes right down to it," Red said.

To lead them in this new goal, the embryonic future studies department hired a new chair to replace outgoing chair Ethan S. Nader, who opposed the switch and offered his resignation.

The new chair will likely be Psychic Alliance Network guru Jo Jo Savard, though final ratification of Savard's new job won't happen until the next departmental meeting, said Red.

"Savard is an obvious choice to lead the department in this new direction," Red said. "Anyone who can deal tarot cards with such precision must know what she's talking about."

Turpintine added the introduction of Savard into UVic's academic ranks indicates the new department's plans to give professors the green light to charge $2 for the first minute of academic instruction and $5 for each additional minute.

"Think of it, the university could be rolling in dough before next fiscal year, thanks to students paying through the nose," said Turpintine. "Senior administrators will never have to worry about making payments on their BMW again."

But not everyone in the history department agrees with the switch.

Miriam Brandt, a history professor who opposes the switch, derided the university's decision to abandon the historical perspective.

"Certainly we should not let the university administration's quest for the bottom line cloud this department's goal to provide a quality education," she said.

Even with the dissent, Red and other professors have tossed their history books and papers out the department's second-floor windows.

Red said the department undertook the purge to make room for a wave of new equipment, including crystal balls, tarot cards and Ouija boards.

"The Ouija board in particular should bring a new element to the seminar class," he said.

Future studies courses will be available May 1, just in time for summer school.

UVic Rez students get sex tips from the bunnies

by Giovanna Wight-Wong

A recent survey shows students living on campus aren't learning about the facts of life from the birds or the bees but from campus bunnies.

A health services poll of 500 residence students found that as many as 80 per cent of students living on campus have been influenced by the mating habits of their floppy-eared, furry friends.

"The bunnies know what it's all about," said Hawnie Buggah, a first-year biology student planning to specialize in anatomy. "They don't get hung up on all the relationship politics, they just get on with the good stuff."

In the spring mating season, rabbits can get on with "the good stuff" up to a staggering 25 times a day. Generally, bunnies are polyamorous and do not bond for life with a single partner. These behaviours have caused the UVic bunny population to double almost every year.

"I really think the residence students have learned a lot from the bunnies," said Kynkie Sass, a second-year women's studies student. "The rabbits are so loving and free with their sexuality."

Some wish students were a little less loving and free with their sexuality.

Since the spring mating season began for both rabbits and residence students, Health Services has faced an overwhelming demand for condoms and birth control. Head nurse Sieken Teired estimates a staggering 700 additional students have come in to inquire about various methods of contraception.

"People are not meant to mate like rabbits," said Teired. "Residence students need to start taking it easy and lay off."

Mike Foucault, a grad student who has been living on-campus for six years, said residence students responded to the bunnies mating habits because they represent personal freedom from today's sexually repressed society.

"We are a society of hypocrites, both terrified and obsessed with sex," said Foucault. "The bunnies have sex with whoever they want, when and where they want, no matter who's watching."

Foucault, who is currently writing his thesis on S&M behavior in rabbits, believes UVic's bunnies show residence students how to "cast off the shackles of prudish social control."

Teired disagrees.

She warns students there will be consequences to emulating the bunnies behavior.

"I just tell students to take a look around," said Teired. "There's a reason why there's so damn many of those beasts."

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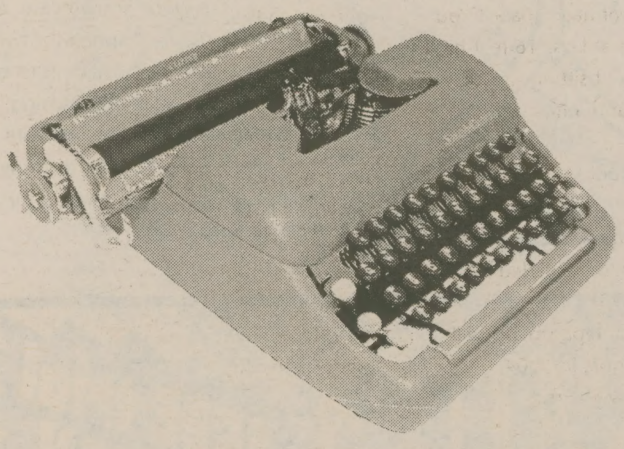

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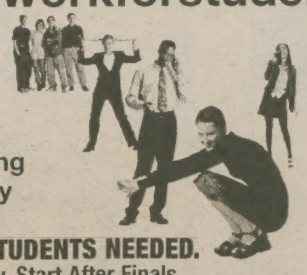

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Secret names a disaster for province, says insider

by David Peaball

A list of "secret" names for controversial British Columbia officials would be a disaster for the province if they are released, said a government insider who cannot be named.

In February a team of *Mullet* investigative reporters discovered a black box hidden on top of the clock tower next to the legislature buildings. The box contained lists of apparently random words, which were later revealed to be anagram rearrangements of the names of controversial figures in B.C. politics, including Premier Gordon Campbell and UVic President David Turpin.

"We've stumbled upon a gold-mine," said *Mullet* investigative reporter John Pompom, who discovered the secret scrolls. "If the public knew what you could spell with these names, it would mean big trouble for Gordon Campbell and his cronies."

The controversial black box was discovered on Feb. 23 by two *Mullet* reporters after they illegally scaled the walls of the Dutch clock tower in front of the Royal BC Museum, hoping to get aerial photos of the labour protest on the legislature lawns. Not only did the intrepid journalists get their shots, they also found a black box labeled "Government of British Columbia: Top Secret Scrolls." The scrolls contained lengthy lists of anagrams.

> If Gordon Campbell's opponents knew his name contains CABLE DOG PORN, that would be the end.
>
> *Gilfanor Stromby, UVic political science prof*

An anagram is a word or phrase formed by mixing up the letters of another word or phrase. For example, Gordon Campbell's name can be rearranged to spell "BALD MONGREL COP." According to UVic political science professor Gilfanor Stromby, anagrams have been tools of political mockery for centuries.

"The authorities know the power of these words," said Stromby, who studies political sex scandals. "I mean, if Gordon Campbell's opponents knew his name contains CABLE DOG PORN, that would be the end. The government probably hid them to stop labour unions from using them."

An informant inside the BC Liberal party, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that Gordon Campbell ordered the compilation of all anagram possibilities for his name, as well as other political figures. The government used taxpayer money to hire WordFux Inc., a linguistic consulting firm. A sample of the "secret" anagram names includes:

GORDON CAMPBELL:
MONGREL BALD COP
CORNBALL GEM POD
CABLE PORN DOG
BC MELON LAPDOG
CRAP LEMON DOG

DAVID TURPIN:
PUTRID VIAND
PAID IN TURD
DRIP NUT DIVA
AVID PIN TURD
DAVID TURNIP

photo by David Peaball

Mullet man John Pompom has one last look between his legs before scaling the clock tower using a 'borrowed' Empress Hotel ladder. Crazy Pompom what are you thinking? Sheesh.

UVic discriminates against lazy students, says group

by Throbbin' Slacks

"Your paper is 10 weeks late," said the professor. "I can't give you a passing grade."

Tyrone Bibbens has heard it a thousand times before, but it still hurts as much as ever. Bibbens is one of hundreds of UVic students who have been discriminated against for being lazy. It's an unspoken prejudice that can be found all over the campus. No one likes to talk about it. Few will even admit there is a problem. But lazy students in every department are persecuted on a daily basis.

> I'm a lazy person. I was born that way.
>
> *Tyrone Bibbens*

"I'm a lazy person," said Bibbens, a first-year English student who has been at UVic since 1989. "I was born that way – I can't help it. But our education system is designed to favour students who can make it to class or who can complete assignments. What are the rest of us supposed to do?"

For Jackie Slough the answer is activism. After 15 years of discrimination, Slough formed the Differently Motivated Students Association (DMSA). "I was sick and tired of people saying I was lazy or I wasn't motivated," Slough said. "What it is, I realized, is that people like me aren't unmotivated, we're just differently motivated."

DMSA events included a protest march, which took place in January. Asked if she was discouraged that only two of the DMSA's 200 members took part, Slough said, "No, not at all. People said, 'Oh, no one showed up because they're lazy.' The prejudice is so blatant! I can't believe people still have these attitudes in 2002."

More successful was a boycott day in which DMSA members did not attend any of their classes. "That was a huge success," said Slough. "I was really moved by the way everyone got together and took part in that."

"Ultimately," said Bibbens, "attitudes have to change. It's [a] vicious cycle. You miss 10 classes in a row, and maybe the prof assigns a paper while you're not there. How are you supposed to know about it? Or if you do hear about it, they expect you to complete it by the 'due date.' What about those of us who don't have the motivation necessary to get it done on time? What if we can't even start it until weeks after the due date? The system is biased and it's got to change."

Engineering students work with administration to combat waitlists

by Sue Prettygood

Engineering students have teamed up with UVic administration to combat growing waitlists.

Their project, under the tutelage of Professor Barry N. Jeenious, aims at creating what they call "bunk chairs."

"Bunk chairs follow the same concept as bunk beds," said Jeenious. "They stack up, so we can pack more students into each and every room."

"I looked around one day and said to myself 'what a waste of head space.' You know, our ceilings are at least 16 feet high and the average student sitting down at a desk only uses three and a half to four feet of that space.

"That's when I thought of it. Bunk chairs!"

UVic administration offered its support to the students' project, spearheaded in September.

Class size in several departments will double in 2003 and triple in 2004 to accommodate the new chairs.

UVic President David Turpentine said the new chairs will also bring in extra funds, as larger classes translate to extra cash for the university.

So far, packed first-year English classes have been the first to test the chairs. Rather than open up another section back in January, administration decided to hand the class over to Jeenious.

Response from students has been mixed.

"It's kind of hard to write," said first-year Science student Angela Smith. "You're surrounded by these bars and your arms bump into them every time you take notes."

But Smith quickly added she barely ever takes notes.

"Yeah, I don't really care about this class anyway," said Smith. "I'm just taking it because I have to. It's required. I don't even go half the time."

University administration said they will take this feedback into account and will assign the chairs to classes that "no one goes to anyway."

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Editors' picks – the best Muzak of 2002

Compiled by *the Mullet* staff

Yanni
Got my eye on you. Actually both.

Forget Hercules and Zeus, the real Greek god has arrived: Yanni. Not only does playing Yanni on a first date pretty much guarantee getting some sweet, sweet loving, it also makes you smarter. Recent studies done by the Royal Society of Medicine suggest that not only does Yanni's music make you horny like two baraccudas on esctasy, it also has been shown to have an "enhancing effect on special reasoning." Special reasoning indeed. Come here and I'll 'special reason' your succulent, ripe, inviting meaty, papaya, you sexy Greek cannon.

Michael Bolton
Soulful Tastes of Summer

Michael Bolton does it again with another landmark album of songs guaranteed to stick to your heart like melting taffy on a hot Tennessee summer night. While listening to this album, I found myself overcome with the sheer power that is Bolton.

The power and depth of Bolton classics "Golden Tresses of Dover" and "Pants of Uncomparable Tightness" will win new fans and continue to make diehards wet for Bolton's sassy tenor.

Buy this album if you haven't yet, and succumb to the orgasmic power of Bolton's overwhelming vocals, like Ashley Judd after a few drinks.

Kenny G
Getting to the Top Floor

While on my way to the fourth floor of my office building, I was greeted with the melodious sounds of Kenny G and was reborn in his easy-listening image. Normally, I spend the trip drooling into my coffee cup preparing for another day of kowtowing to my boss's latest whim for late-night pizza, but this ride was different. I was so immersed in the music I missed my floor. Track two hit when I passed the 12th floor and I The power and depth of Bolton classics "Golden Tresses of Dover" and "Pants of Uncomparable Tightness" will win new fans and continue to make diehards wet for Bolton's sassy tenor.

was instantly transported to a happy place filled with sunshine and cats with hats. It was lovely. Now I visit the Church of Scientology every day and spread the message to all my friends, whether they want it or not. So get out there and buy this piece of elevator nirvana rife with magical images of mellow goodness. It will change your life.

The John Tesh Project
Huge sounds of Easter

John Tesh, a fantastic and important contemporary artist, recorded a companion album to his magnum opus *The Choirs of Christmas*. This brave new collection sounds even better than previously released *Tesh masterpieces* and will please adult audiences everywhere. Some Christian music lovers suggest that the beautiful tunes on this disc are so compelling and sweet that they will resurrect the dead, in the spirit of Easter of course.

Included on the album are remixes of previous Tesh tracks "I want to get my hands on your fun" by Moby and Fatboy Slim. Tesh also freestyles on the track "Gettin' ya'll in the booty mood" with long-time friends Flavor Flav, Fred Durst and Kid Rock.

And ladies, beware: the album also includes a multimedia component for computer owners featuring streaming video of Tesh fixing his car and cooking noodle goulash, wearing nothing but a loincloth.

Just when you thought we'd exhausted our options

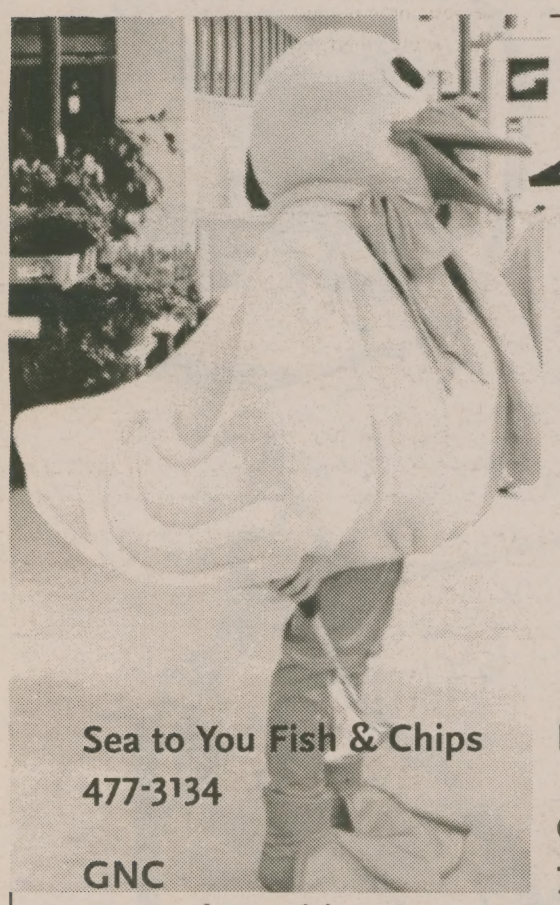
by Granny Apple-McIntosh

Yes there are many of us who, due to our laziness or our hunger or simply our extra money, chose to buy our lunch on campus. But let's be realistic, a large majority of us just can't afford to toss out that extra 10 bucks everyday, so instead, we resort to bringing our lunch with us. So here it is, a review of some of the most common lunches on campus

The Brown Paper Bag Lunch
This lunch is old reliable and usually consists of one piece of fruit, a juice box and a sandwich. Unfortunately, due to the practical yet flimsy paper bag, when our lunchee finally opens the goods, they're faced with something that has been squished by textbooks, prodded by pencils and hardly resembles food. The only survivor of the encounter is usually the fruit, though if it's a banana you're screwed. After eating the bruised produce, and perhaps salvaging the crusts from the sandwich, the lunchee throws away the rest of the mess while their stomach inevitably continues to growl (of course disrupting everyone in class and forcing the teacher to repeat sentences so your classmates can hear).

The Matching Lunch Box and Thermos
This person is either desperately clinging to their elementary school days, or else they have just had way too many experiences as the "Brown Paper Bag" lunchee. This lunch usually consists of a variety of consumer lunch products: a lunchables lunch snack, a granola bar, a pudding, and a thermos filled with Kool-aid. This lunch is not only good, but it is also effortless to make, which is always a bonus. This lunchee enjoys their meal and is happy all day, every day. The only downfall to the "Matching Lunch Box and Thermos" lunchee is the added bulk in their bag. Unlike the brown bag, the box cannot be squished into a knapsack or shoulder bag so there must be sufficient room. Otherwise the lunchee is forced to carry the box in their hand and face the ridicules and funny looks of people passing by. So you have to ask yourself which is more important, an unsquished lunch or your self-confidence?

The Knapsack Lunch
We all know these lunchees; they have enormous backpacks on their shoulders crammed and stuffed with textbooks, binders and running shoes. At times it looks as though they live out of their bags and I'm sure at times they do. Unlike the "Matching Lunch Box and Thermos" lunchee, they don't have room for such a large lunch container, and, unlike the "Brown Paper Bag" lunchee, they're aware that making a lunch is not worth the effort if it's gonna get squished. So instead, these people rarely bring any food to school. Instead they are the ones that will join you for lunch (as long as you fall under the "lunch box" category) but never actually eat. Instead, they will wait for you to offer your food and quickly accept anything you give. Before you know it you've given away half your meal and the growl of your stomach grows louder and louder. At this point you are forced to go spend money for more food, these people again join you but don't buy anything . . . are you seeing a pattern here? These people are our enemies. Stay far far away.



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Arts editor talks about herself!

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by Elianna Lev

If you've been reading *the Martlet* regularly, you've probably noticed that Elianna Lev, the co-editor of the arts section of *the Martlet*, is rather reluctant to talk about herself. That is until now.

"Don't get me wrong, I love talking about myself," she said. "But I just feel that there's a time and place for everything, and *the Mullet* certainly wasn't the platform I would use to talk about myself."

Elianna, 22, is the daughter of Avi, a funny Israeli dude, and Rosa, a Swedish babe who used to model for Revlon and Maybelline.

"The only thing I inherited from my mom was her sensitive skin and bad teeth," she said. "I got my flat chest and my extremely thick body hair from my dad."

She also has a sister Leehe, 28, who her parents favour over her.

Elianna made her way out to Victoria from Toronto four years ago and lived a miserable life until well into her second year, when she finally made friends.

"People didn't like me," said Elianna. "The fact that I was a manic-depressive-paranoid-psycho-twerp-from-hell who moonlighted as a crack dealer didn't have anything to do with it. I was just hard to understand."

Since people started liking her, Elianna has made a nice little life for herself, where in her free time she plays recorder at various old folk's homes and conducts seminars about the joys of "self love" to newly-divorced middle-aged women.

Elianna's favourite things in life, aside from talking about herself, are talking about her boyfriend, spending time with her boyfriend, showing pictures of her boyfriend and brushing her boyfriend's unruly hair.

"I consider myself a very independent person," said Elianna. "But I wouldn't be able to live without my boyfriend. He's in a band. You wanna hear his new EP?"

Elianna insisted on putting Hot Hot Heat on *the Martlet's* cover in the fall and the next week she was dating their bassist.

"That was no accident," she said. "I made that band what they are today and now I'm reaping the benefits, if you know what I mean. Booya!"

Having lived in such cities as London (where she moved to pursue a career as a Spice Girl), New York (where she worked as a "bitch" for VH1's Pop-Up Video) and Montreal (where 94.3% of her friends live), Elianna reassures us that Victoria isn't missing out on the fun.

"I saw a woman receive cunnilingus from another woman on stage at the Ice House," she said. "I've never seen crazy stuff like that anywhere else I've lived."

Other interesting facts about Elianna: Jim Henson gave her a tour of Fraggle Rock when she was five, she has pornstar Ron Jeremy's phone number and her heroes are journalists Rebecca Eckler and Leah McLaren.

"I just love how deep and well-written they are," said Elianna. "Talking about yourself and your boyfriend every chance you get are really important subjects that should be addressed more often in our national newspapers."

To learn more about Elianna, type her name in a Google search and see all the pieces that pop up. Unfortunately, you'll come across some of her old god-awful articles that she wrote when she was desperate to compile some sort of a portfolio.

Headlines are an unnecessary exercise in conformity

Names are an unimportant social construct

The art world will be rocked to its breaking point at the UVic visual arts departments exhibition of post-modern, pre-war-era, post-post-industrial revolution, pre-Renaissance, interpretive, proxy art nouveau, pseudo existentialist, modern dance art. The team of rogue, mute, semi-conscious communist sculptor/painters challenge all the pre-conceived notions that have ever been pre-conceived.

The troupe, who call themselves simply "Pretentious like a Fox!" promise an evening of angry, joyous, poignant expressionist realism with an Andy Warhol twist and a side of pre-art-Deco. In preparation for what promises to be an explosion of artistic fury, the artists ask the audience to please bring a family photo, a block of cheese, a single white rose and an ordinary cooking bowl painted white, then black, then white. The show cannot possibly be placed into a neo-conservative, capital-fascist paradigm and was described by Icelandic pop sensation Bjork as "the abstract feeling of love scraping blissfully across the body in a shower of taste and butterflies."

The art world has not seen such an unbiased, unapologetic, uncompromising, uninformed low-key, high impact spectacle (of the mind) since Yoko Ono covered her entire body with aerosol cheese and set herself on fire. When reached for comment, lead artist "A Symbol Pronounceable Only By Tearing Out The Human Tongue And Grafting On The Tongue Of Some Kind Of Lizard" (A.S.P.O.B.T.O.T.H.T.A.G.O.T.T.O.S.K.O.L, for short) refrained from making a comment deciding instead to flail his/her arms in a large semi circle and contorting his/her body into an isosceles triangle.

The message was clear: the show was to centre around the plight of socially awkward, quadriplegic, militant circus clowns. A powerful statement to be sure. The first half of the show will take place outside the visual arts building at 3:00 pm on April 5, and will conclude inside the recesses of the human mind when the orb of the soul decays in its own excess (standard time). Please stay after the exhibit for a rousing game of pictionary.

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Sports Call

by Gabriel Tact

This is a sports article.

When I was 13 I got a job at the Shoppers Drug Mart in Nanaimo's largest mall doing all the jobs no one else wanted to do. Every day after school, two hours a day, I punched in and recycled cardboard and took out the garbage in a big rolling cage and collected carts with a bungy cord and punched out when I was done. Sometimes I had basketball practice after school and didn't get to work until late.

See? I told you this was about sports.

Eventually I did some work inside the store. I used the opportunity to eat chips from broken bags – people were always breaking bags of chips, clumsy people – in the back room. Sometimes I made displays with toilet paper.

The manager, a man named Jan, taught me how to use the ticket gun. He showed me the secret Shoppers Drug Mart code, MELBORACIS, which represented the cost price. Each letter in the word coincided with a number in order from zero to nine.

Sports.

For instance, toilet paper sells for $8.99, while it might cost the store $5.99. In that case, I would mark "RSS" above the selling price and snap it onto yellow tickets, which in turn, I slapped on packages of toilet paper.

Shoppers Drug Mart is screwing you.

I wore a pink and white striped shirt and tight blue pants and a smock. It wasn't my choice. At first I wore only the smock over what Jan called "street clothes." In the summer I wore shorts. The smock covered the shorts, making it look like a dress, but nobody told me. However, a pharmacist once commented on the way I wore the blue pants.

"It looks like you have a ten-pound shit hanging down." I was cutting edge.

Sports. Sports, sports.

That summer they tarred the roof of the mall. I can still smell it. My favourite part of the job was taking out the trash, even though it meant I had to walk past the bus stop and the kids my age who stood there and waited.

I liked throwing the long fluorescent light bulbs into the garbage compactor behind the food court and listening to them explode. I often left the compactor door open as it crushed things, which the sign on the compactor door specifically stated was forbidden, and commentated:

"Oh," I said. "Oh."

Sometimes I lined up cardboard boxes in the hallway behind the store and broke them down with my fists. All in all, I lasted a year.

Jan was thin and pale. He read from a list when he fired me. I kept the gold name tag. It said "Merchandiser" above my name.

Neat, huh? Sports are like that.

Vikes go Supersonic on your ass

by Letch Mclain

The University of Victoria Vikes basketball program has joined forces with the Seattle Supersonics of the NBA in a parent team-farm team arrangement, UVic announced on Wednesday.

The arrangement will see UVic train young Canadian players for five years before turning them over to the NBA team. While Canada hasn't been a huge producer of NBA talent in the past, UVic coach Vuy Getrie doesn't think there will be a problem.

"Well, we're just now seeing how good of a player [local product] Steve Nash is," said Getrie. "That effect alone will likely cause many, many fine young athletes to choose basketball over other established Canadian sports, such as hockey."

And while the current UVic team doesn't sport a single player over the height of 6'8", Getrie feels the team can focus on developing other types of athletes.

"Obviously the lack of height seen in Victoria athletes in the past is a bit of a concern," he stated. "However, we feel that we can focus on developing other types of players, such as pure spot-up three-point shooters and hard-working towel-wavers."

Current UVic guard Degan Raly agreed with Getrie's sentiments.

"Oh, heck ya," Raly said. "If we just go out and shoot three-balls for, I dunno, three or four hours a day, I'm sure we can get to the point where we'll be able to step into the Sonics line-up, stand around the [three-point] arc and bomb a couple treys. I mean, how tough can it be?"

Sonics coach McNate Millan is also excited about the prospects of the UVic-Sonics agreement, particularly in regard to fan association with the players.

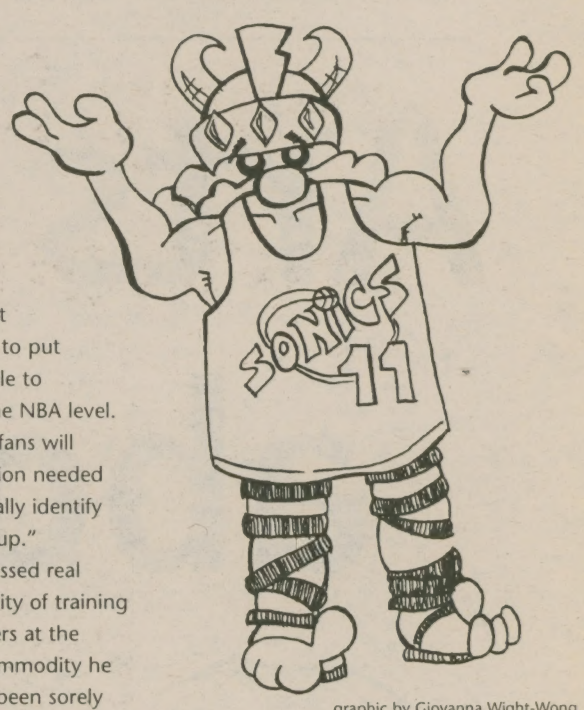
"It's great for our fans," Millan said. "I think they'll really be able to associate with the hours and hours of mindless shooting that UVic players will have to put in before they'll be able to make an impact on the NBA level. I'm sure many of our fans will recognize the dedication needed to do that and will really identify with any kids we call up."

McNate also expressed real interest in the possibility of training full-blown towel wavers at the Victoria campus, a commodity he feels the Sonics have been sorely lacking the past few seasons.

The economic details of the agreement are forthcoming, but UVic Athletic Director Donald McWayne said that one of the main pillars of the agreement is that the Sonics provide UVic athletes with free haircuts during the season. Until now, team members have only remembered to get their hair cut after the season had already ended.

McWayne also mentioned transfer payments of $250,000 US per season. However, the hyper-leftwing UVic student government has threatened a protest and a boycott of the arrangement until investigations determine whether the Sonics are "ethical investors" and whether Starbucks (described by one anonymous member as "shameless capitalist whores") has any interest in the professional franchise.

UVic players, meanwhile, are confident the arrangement will go through and have already begun to skip classes in order to perfect the release and trajectory on their long-range jumpers.



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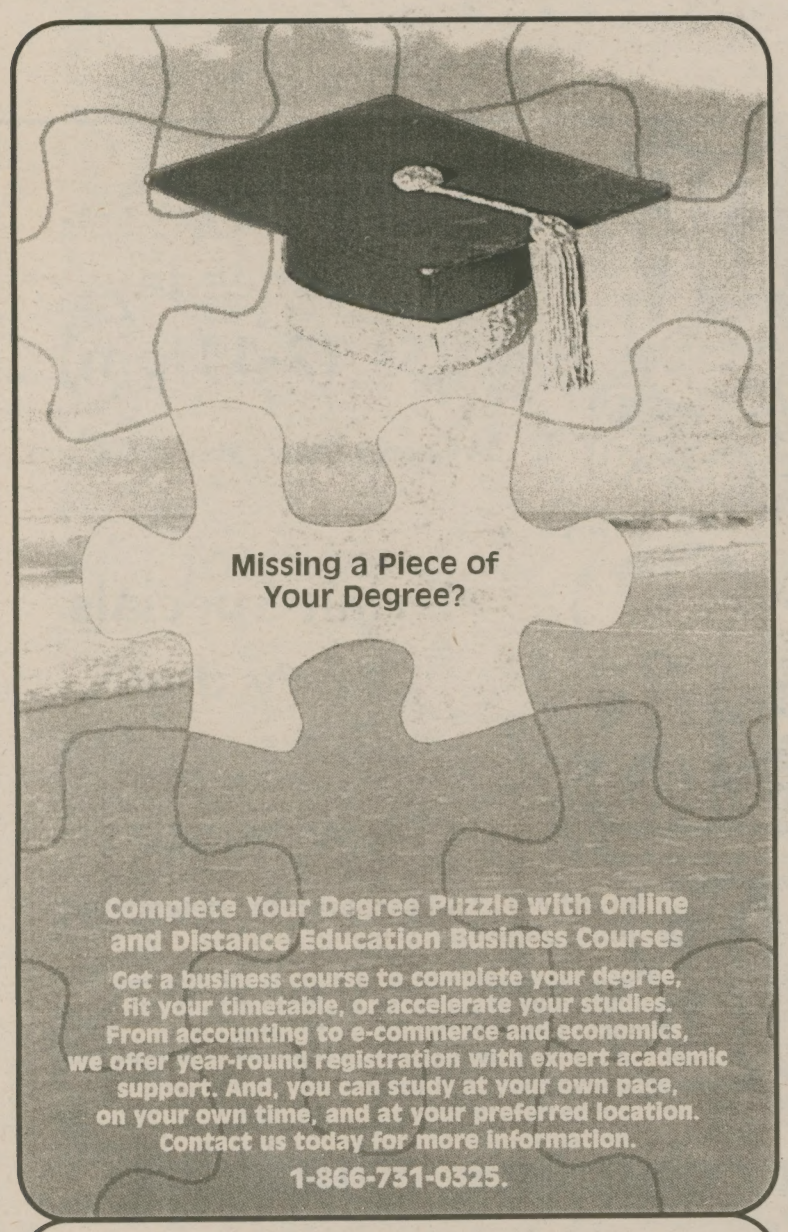
"Jesus," Thunder says. "What the fuck's next?"

Raly, who is planning to steal keys to the McKinnon Gym in order to get in at anytime, is making arrangements to switch all his finals to Apr. 8.

"Why not, eh?" Raly said, when asked why he was doing so. "I figure a 10-day contract in the NBA is probably worth more than what I'll make the first 10 years after getting my degree, so I might as well get shooting as soon as possible."

Getrie agreed with Raly's thinking.

"Why shouldn't he?" the coach said. "Hell, I'm going to be his agent, and at 10 per cent, you can bet I'll steal any keys he needs."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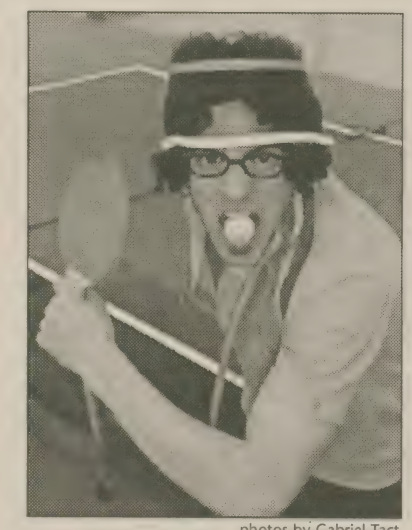
Is the world ready for Rockford?

by Smacker Mao



photos by Gabriel Tact

Sport's most colourful ambassadors have gone monochrome. Basketball's Dennis Rodman grew out his roots, retired and married himself. Baseball's John Rocker, tight-lipped and tucked with Texas Skoal, now opens his mouth only to spit.

In a sports era where Dallas Mavericks-owner Mark Cuban gets fined half a million for criticizing referees and Yankee pitcher Roger Clemens hasn't had a chance to throw junk at cross-town rival Mike Piazza in over a year, the sport fan nation turns its lonely eyes to one man.

But where have you gone Eugene Rockford?

It's been five years since Rockford, the man most likely to thrust Ping Pong into the world spotlight, vanished from the world championship final in Uren, Saskatchewan. He torched the best international players in the world through the opening rounds. He didn't lose a single point until the finals, where he lost them all, by default.

Rockford became more elusive than Art Garfunkel. Rumours of his whereabouts faded within days because, really, no one gives a shit about Ping Pong. He surfaced recently after he tried to pick up a *Mullet* informant at Denny's. She passed on his cell phone number, but we jumped at a chance to bed the saviour of competitive sport.

"First of all, don't fucking call it Ping Pong," he said over his cell phone on the #26 to UVic. "No other sport is named for its fucking sound. No one fucking calls basketball swish, or baseball crack. It's been treated like a fucking parlour game for too long. It's not fucking foosball."

Rockford gets off at the Ian H. Stewart Complex, where he's been training for his comeback. We corner him in the change room. As we cold shower him with questions about his flight from Uren, Rockford mouths off.

"I was in a culvert sleeping off my hangover," he said. "When I came to, I hopped a train for the coast. I just needed a huge reality check. I wanted to find out if hippies were really dirty."

He enrolled in women's studies classes at UVic and all but gave up the game. He played a few pick-up matches at the Fernwood Community Centre before he was banned after numerous assaults on players.

"I paddled some man 'cuz he said I was scaring his son with my forehand smashes and I made some chump swallow the game ball because he wouldn't stop rushing the net on my serve."

Coaxed further, Rockford opens up. "It's really because I'm so damn gorgeous."

He's only 25 but already has seven children from four mothers. He calls them his "little legacies," because he can't remember their names.

Rockford himself was the youngest of five boys, raised by his phone-sex-operator mother. He claims they were so poor that he didn't eat for five years.

"Sacrifices are a way of life," he said. "People think everything should be free. People don't want to work. I say fuck 'em."

But with any comeback, there are doubting queries. Will Rockford return to form? Is he writing cheques with his mouth that his ass can't cash? Is Ping Pong a sport? Is Rockford an athlete?

"I'm like a dented table tennis ball," he said. "You just gotta boil a pot of water and float me inside until I expand. Then I'm good as fucking new."

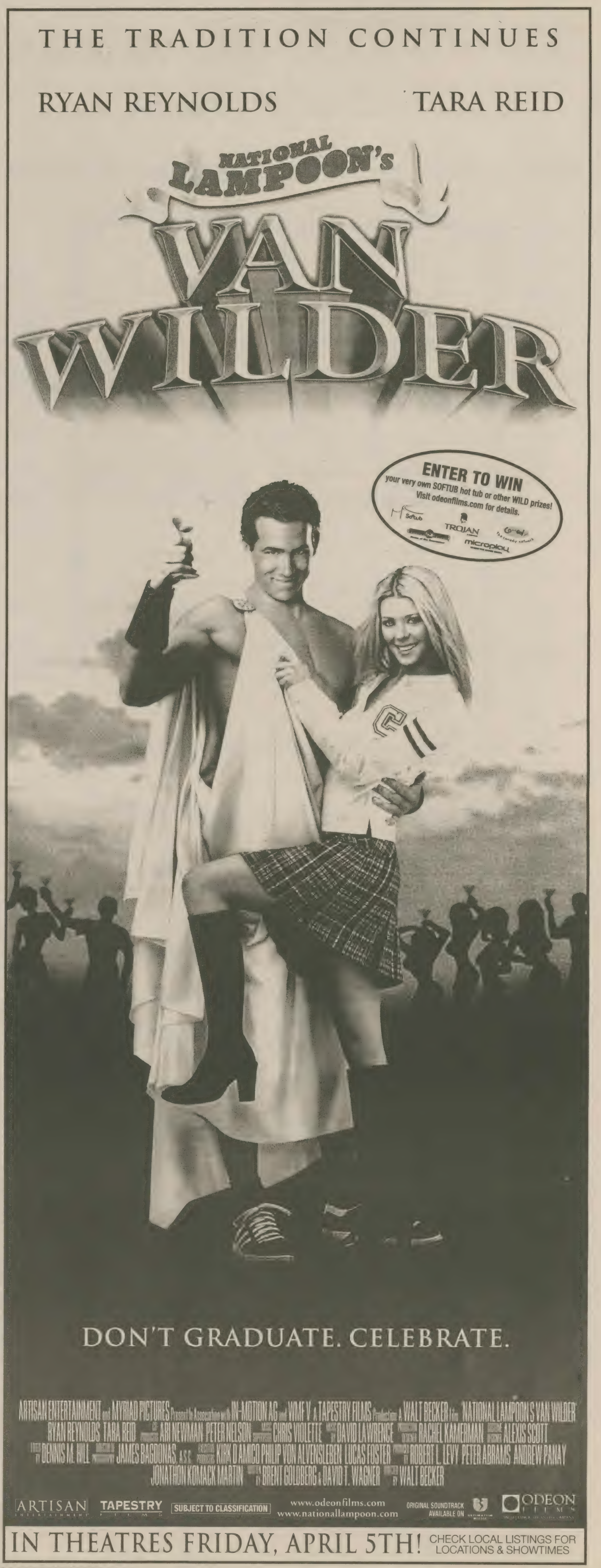
We give Rockford leave to change by his gym locker.

"I'm more phenomenon than LL Cool J," he said. "I'm more valuable than the world will ever know. I make short shorts and polo tees fashionable."

Indeed. He does look dapper in hip-hugging cut-off jeans, but the real beauty is his mouth. He spouts trash-talk and veteran wisdom all the way to the tables, wedged between the squash courts.

"Forrest Gump was the shit. He did lots for the game, but you know it was only a fucking movie. Same with that video for 'Kelly Watch the Stars' by Air. It was funny, sure, but you can't get knocked out by a ball. They just sting like fucking bees."

Fucking bees, indeed.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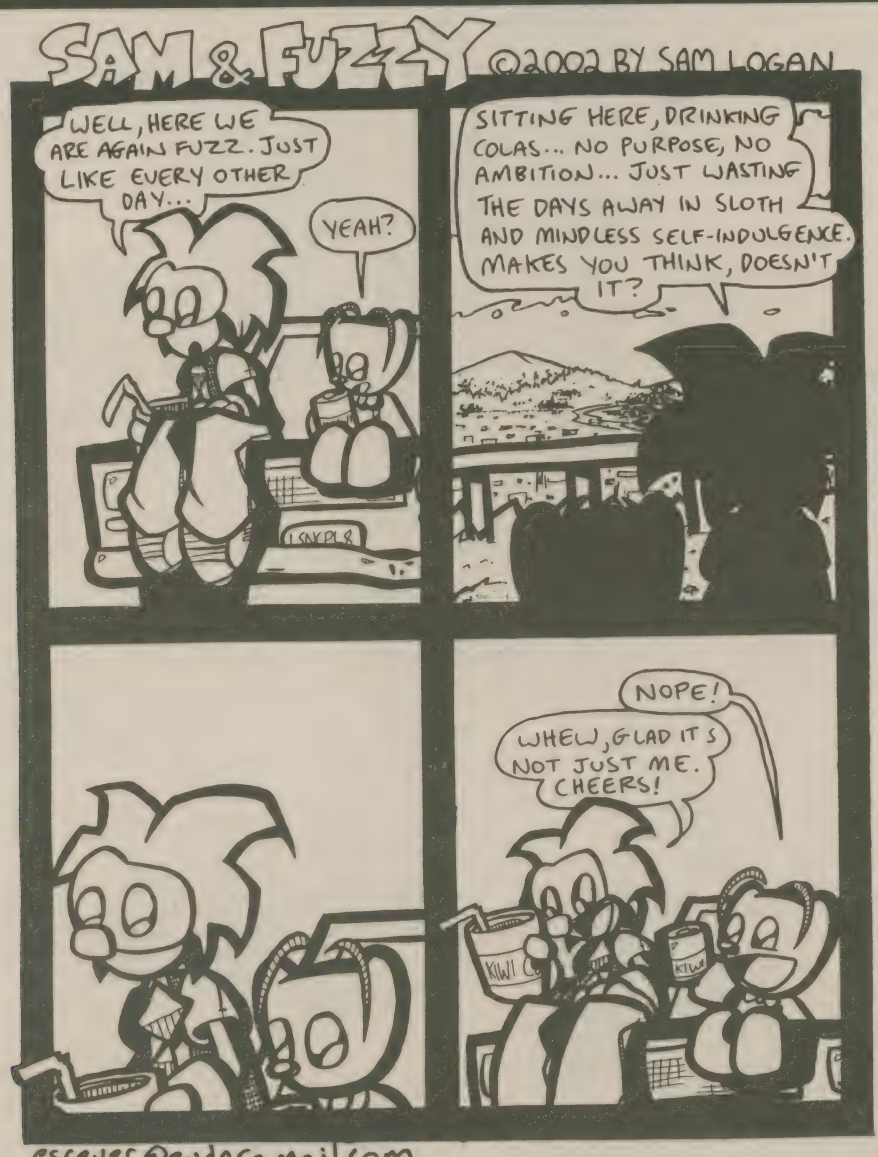
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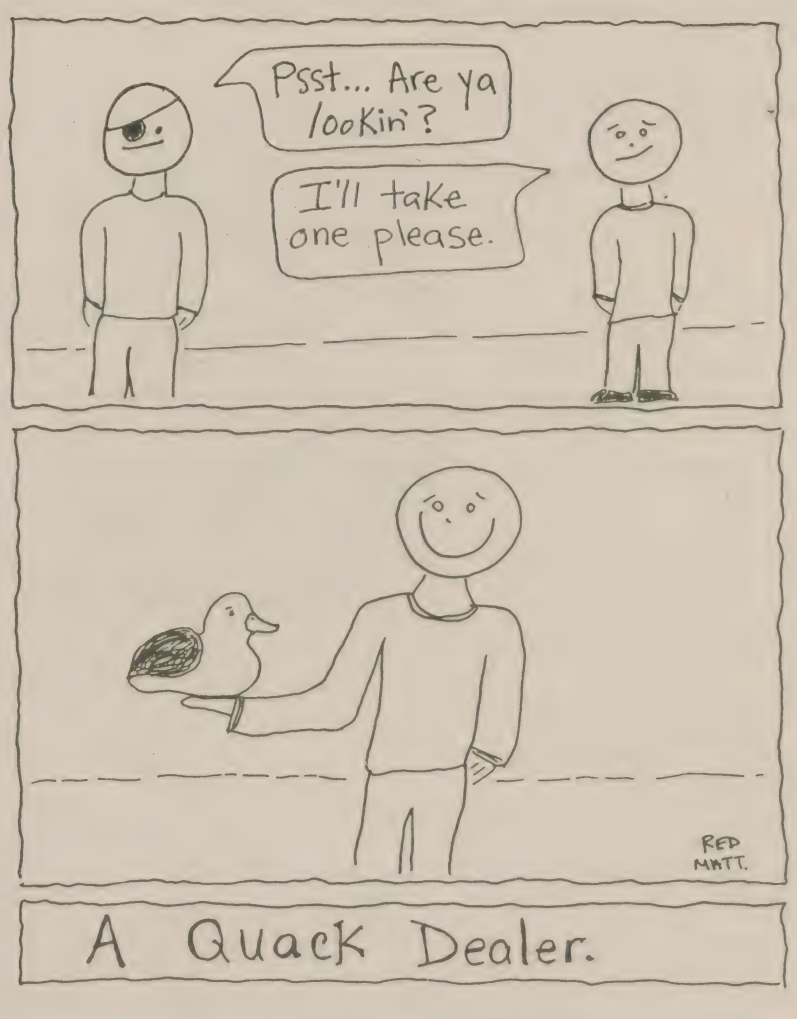

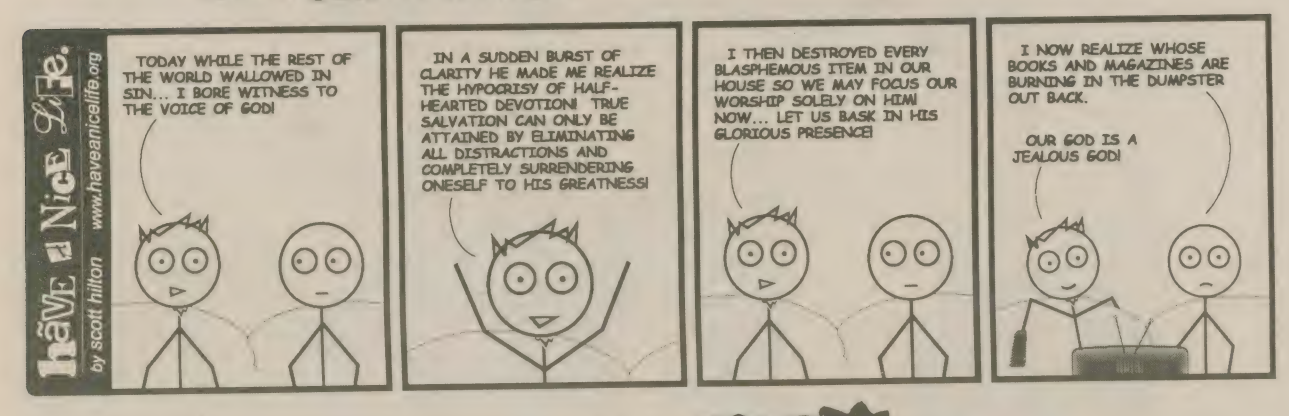
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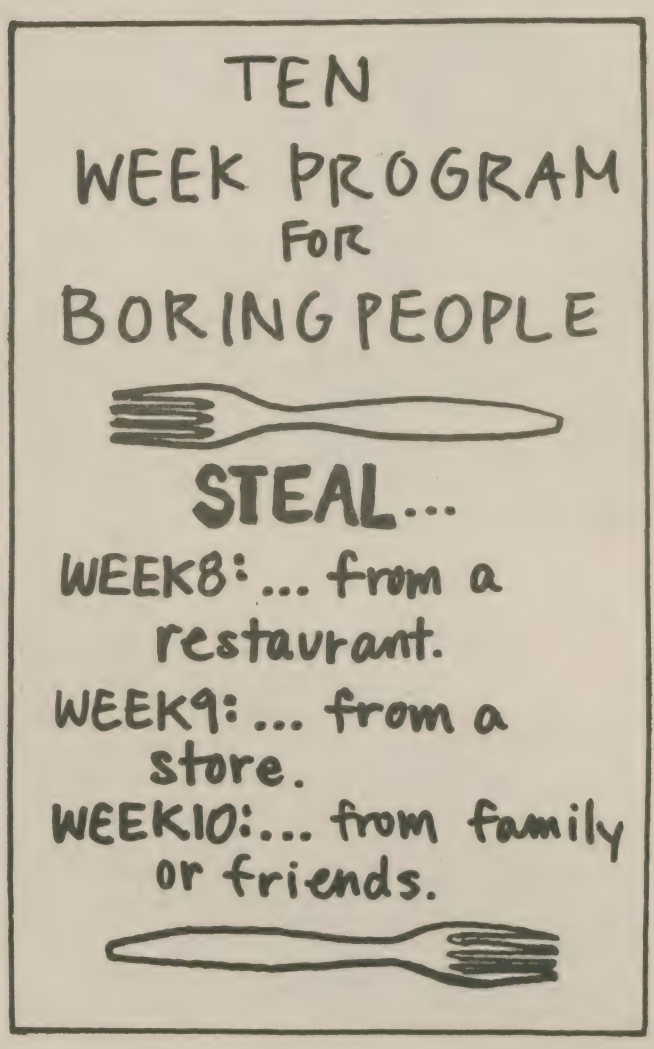

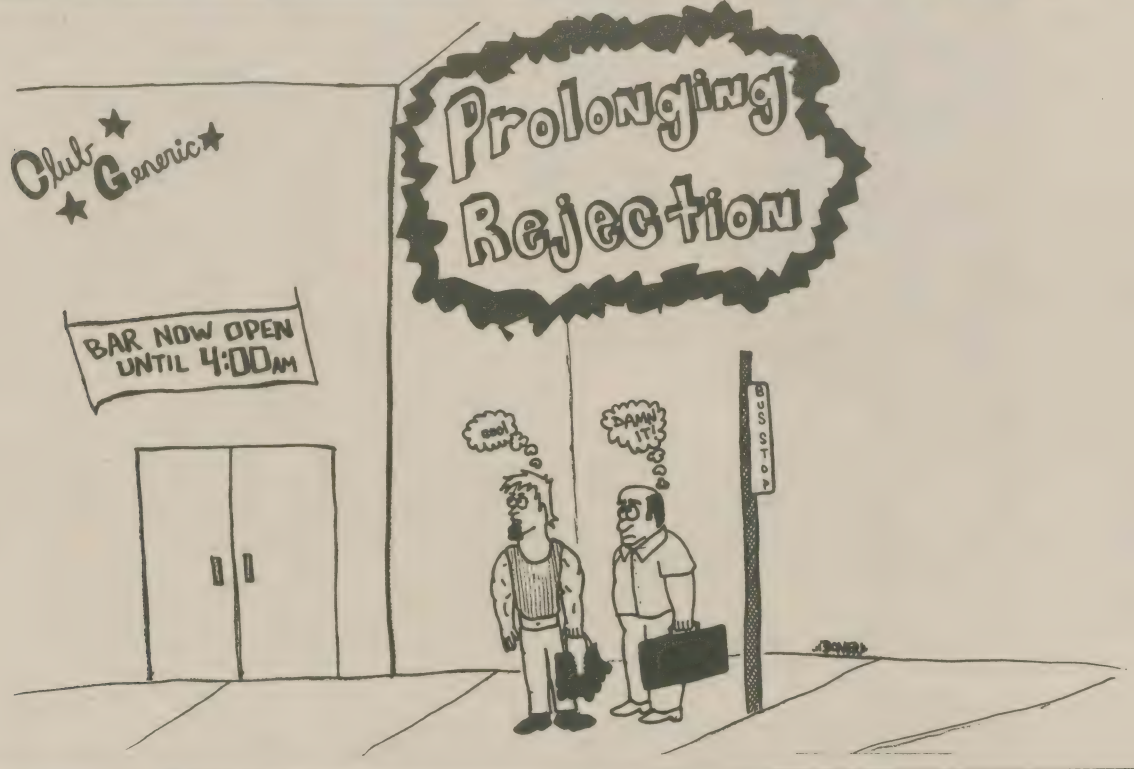

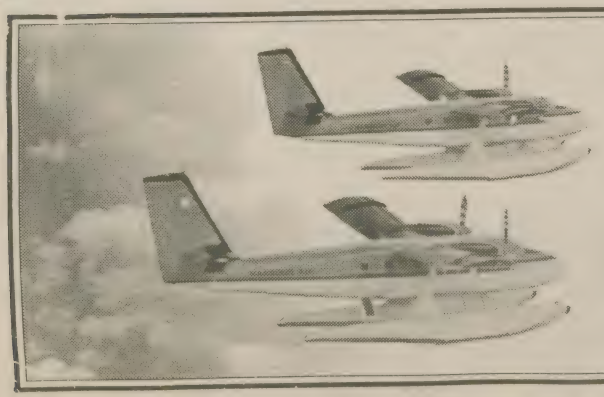

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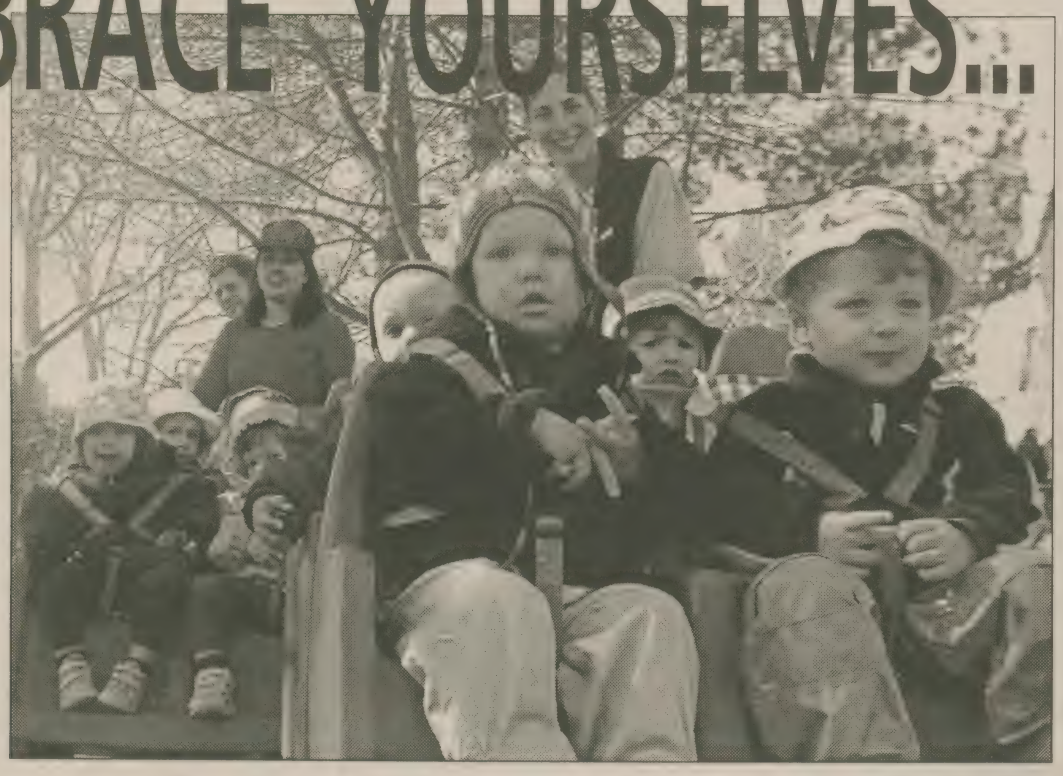

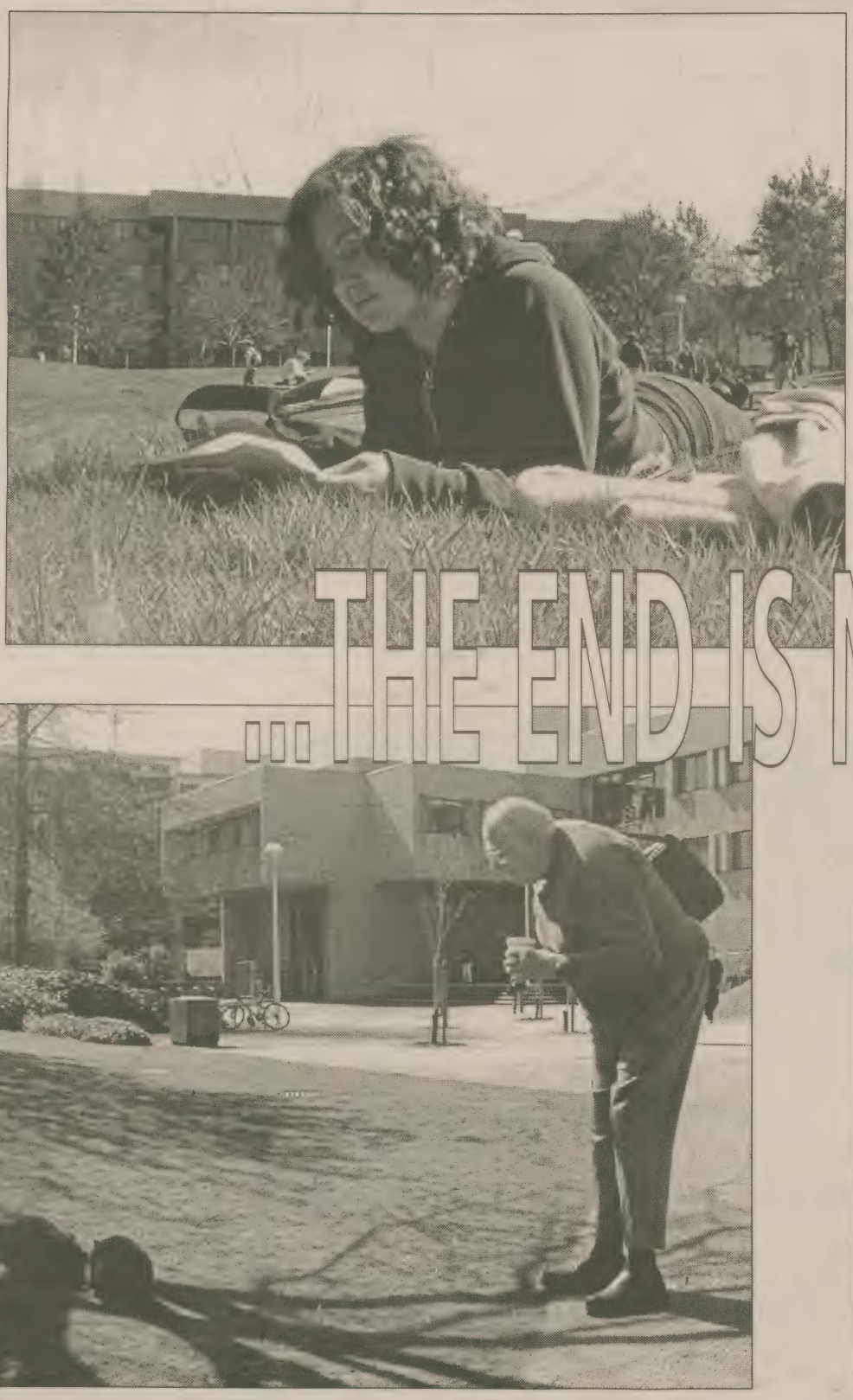

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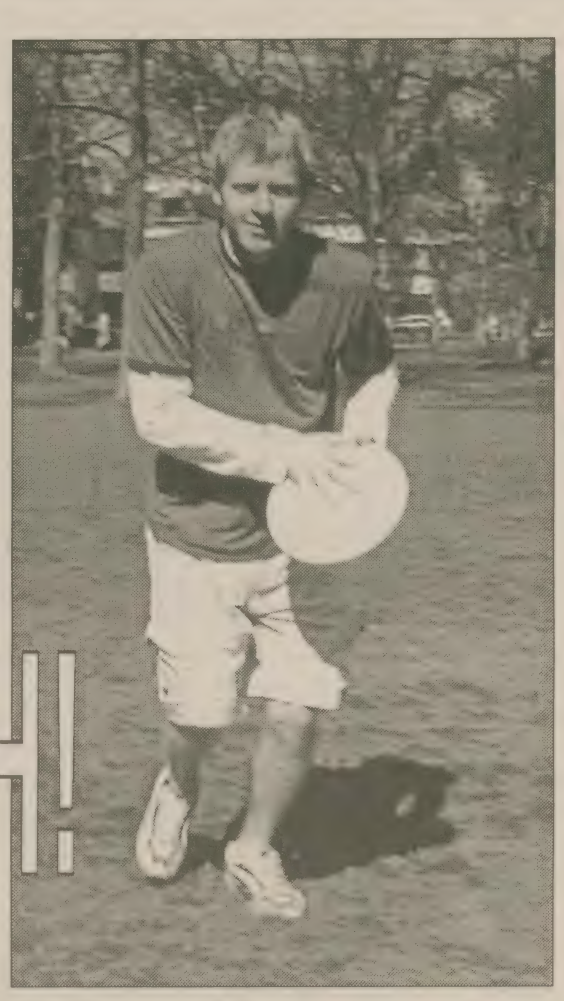

photos by David Ball

UVic students, present and future, make the most of the first warm days of spring and the last few days of school by playing frisbee, chatting with bunnies, eating Girl Guide cookies, and yes, studying.

Municipalities outraged by trade agreement

Some municipal politicians are concerned the agreement will increase the influence of multinational corporations in their communities

by John Thompson

A new trade agreement won't attract tear-gas, pepper-spray and teddy-bear flinging catapults, but municipalities in B.C. are still concerned about its ratification in the province.

The Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), which came into effect in July 1995, is intended to reduce barriers to trade between the provinces and went into effect at the end of last month. In 1999 the agreement was expanded to include municipal governments, academic institutions, social services and health care – known as the MASH sector. But B.C. has excluded the MASH sector from AIT rules up until the end of March, when the BC Liberals fully implemented the agreement.

Municipalities in B.C. have expressed opposition to the AIT. Their concerns span the political spectrum, ranging from criticism that it is an unnecessary level of bureaucracy, to fears that the AIT could function as a back-door for multinational corporations to challenge their hiring practices.

"The agreement is essentially a charter of rights for multinational corporations," said Burnaby councillor Derrek Corrigan. Burnaby was one of the first municipalities to express opposition to fully implementing the AIT, in a letter written to the B.C. government and other municipalities on Nov. 29. Since then, many other communities have drafted similar statements, including the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD), which represents 21 municipalities in the Greater Vancouver area. On Jan. 25, the GVRD voted unanimously in favour of voicing their opposition to MASH being included in the AIT.

"We started the reaction to it across the province," Corrigan said.

On Vancouver Island, Sooke and Oak Bay have also expressed concern about introduction of the agreement to the MASH sector. In most cases, municipalities are concerned the AIT will negatively affect their procurement practices, or how they hire out labour. The AIT permits companies to challenge procurement practices they consider unfair, which will be resolved by a dispute panel of "trade experts," according to the letter drafted by Burnaby.

Local governments are also concerned they will have to defend their procurement practices against AIT rules, which could be subject to "creative interpretations," they argue. Finally, municipalities have said that fully implementing the agreement contradicts the BC Liberals' promise to expand the powers of local communities. Councillor Corrigan argues the province has been unreceptive to their concerns because of other commitments, like a letter written by Gordon Campbell to Alberta Premier Ralph Klein. The letter was written Aug. 10, 2001, promising the agreement would be fully in place by the end of March, 2002.

Other critics of the AIT are worried it will allow multinational corporations to bully local governments and small businesses.

"To be a Canadian corporation, you just need to have a local office in Canada," said Ellen Gould, a trade researcher currently working for Georgetown University in Washington. Gould is concerned that multinationals will use the AIT to open the markets of small communities as well as institutions like universities. She also said it will help "harmonize" local government with existing international trade agreements, like the General Agreement on Trade of Services (GATS), under the World Trade Organization (WTO). Gould added the AIT was mentioned in past WTO meetings, where trade officials enquired about the agreement's status. At present, the AIT is not a legally binding agreement, but Gould is concerned the agreement will be strengthened in the future.

Rick Thorpe, minister of competition, science and enterprise, argues that everyone stands to benefit from the fully ratified agreement. "I think B.C. companies should be able to compete," he said. "I think we should have free access to every province." He added that B.C. is the last province to fully implement the agreement.

But not everyone agrees the AIT is even necessary. "There aren't really any barriers to provincial trade," said Marc Lee, trade researcher for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA). Canadians share a common currency, with no inspection points between provincial boundaries, he said. He described the AIT as a subtle case of globalization, where small communities have the most to lose.

"It means municipalities, in part, lose their ability to use their procurement as a lever for local economic development."

Thorpe said there have been no disputes seen since the MASH expansion was introduced. He also said that communities are exempt from AIT rules unless they spent over a set limit.

Communities that spend over $200,000 on a construction project, for instance, will be subject to AIT regulations.

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Student challenges parking ticket policy

by Brodie Waddell

Kent Glowinski thinks the university's parking ticket policy violates the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The UVic law student, took issue with Campus Security's policy which forces parking violators to pony up for the ticket up front, whether ticket recipients want to appeal or not.

"It's an issue of fairness," said Glowinski. "When I discovered this, I thought it was the most ridiculous thing I had ever heard."

Glowinski said the appeals process presumes guilt and does not allow complainants to fairly discuss the merits of an appeal.

"Section 7 of the Charter [of Rights and Freedoms] says that you must be able to respond to charges before being found guilty," he said. "They have a responsibility to ensure the process is both fair and transparent."

Glowinski paid his ticket but hopes to challenge UVic in court. He said he wants to set a precedent for other angry university parkers to follow.

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"I'd hope everyone would just file a claim in court, which would force them to review this ridiculous regulation," said Glowinski.

He added that he'd also like to see the Board of Governors reexamine their original rule for the appeals process. He said he is prepared to bring his dispute to the Provincial Supreme Court to have the present appeals system overturned.

University lawyer Mary-Anne Waldron challenged Glowinski's stance. She said the grounds for Glowinski's complaint are unfounded and added that the university sees no grounds for refunding the ticket.

But other parkers interviewed have wondered about the amount of money UVic makes from parking tickets. Some drivers think Campus Security fines arbitrarily.

"Campus Security just seems to be looking for excuses to give out tickets," said David, a driver who would only give his first name.

He said security tickets cars if the parking pass was just partially covered and for other unwarranted reasons.

Although he hadn't received any fines himself, he said the university kept the unjust appeals process in an attempt to discourage people from resisting tickets for trivial violations.

"I think they're just using the tickets as a cash cow that they are going to try to milk as much as possible," he said.

Cindy Phenon, another parker on campus, also had complaints about the ticketing system. She said she has worked at UVic for 20 years and was very frustrated when she tried to appeal a parking ticket that she felt was unjustified.

"They definitely need a better way [to handle appeals]," she said, "but I don't think you should have to go to court to change it."

Campus Security could not be reached for comment by press time.

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Education groups give new Ontario premier cool reception

by Shawn Jeffords

TORONTO (CUP) – While the champagne flowed at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre last weekend for new Ontario Conservative leader and Premier Ernie Eves, students and faculty around the province were expressing cautious optimism about his plans for post-secondary education funding.

Eves won a hard-fought victory over current Tory finance minister Jim Flaherty on the second ballot of the leadership election. While students and faculty don't appear happy about Eves's win, they acknowledge he is more open to providing additional funding to colleges and universities than his leadership rivals and out-going premier Mike Harris.

"I'm cautiously optimistic," said Henry Jacek, president of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations. "In a conversation I recently had with Mr. Eves, he said he recognizes that we have more students coming into the system and we need more funding. He didn't promise anything concrete, but it was still encouraging to hear."

Jacek said Eves's comments signify an important first step for securing more funding, a step outgoing premier Mike Harris was unwilling to take.

"Harris never acknowledged the problems in post-secondary education," said Jacek. "He really should have been aware of them though because Nipissing University, a school in his home riding, is suffering greatly because of cuts."

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> *Joel Duff, Canadian Federation of Students*

To Jacek, more important than Eves's election will be who he chooses as minister of training, colleges and universities. Jacek would like to see Burlington MPP Cam Jackson take on the portfolio but suspects Jackson will want a more prestigious post. He says no matter who takes the job, they need to have the ear of the leader to get things done.

"Diane Cunningham (the current minister of training, colleges and universities) is a very nice lady and truly wanted to tackle the double cohort problem," said Jacek. "The trouble is Mike Harris didn't like her and she wasn't able to do it."

Joel Duff, Ontario chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students, is less optimistic about Eves's election.

"When you look at all the candidates, they were all part of the 'Common Sense' vision," said Duff. "I'm not confident that they have anything new to offer. The last two terms have been a full-frontal effort to undermine post-secondary education."

Duff said getting students out to the polls will be a major challenge for his organization. He feels students, because of their transient nature, have been intentionally shut out of elections in the past.

"What we're going to try to do is start early," said Duff. "We're going to try to bring leadership debates and polling stations to university campuses. Students need to be aware of the issues so they can make an informed decision."

Tracy Boyer, executive director of the Ontario Community Colleges Student Parliamentary Association, said the onus is now on students to convince the government that it should invest more in post-secondary institutions.

"We need to speak [the government's] language and show the great return on investment," said Boyer. "Colleges have a bit of an advantage when it comes to showing that. There are also socioeconomic benefits to funding post-secondary education."

Boyer agrees with Duff that students need to make themselves heard. She fears students' concerns will be lost in the shuffle if they don't speak up.

"Students are a neglected demographic," said Boyer. "The biggest group right now are the aging baby boomers. Their perspectives are not always shared by students and it may become more difficult to get our views across if students don't mobilize."

Forum on G8 rejects Canada's claims

by Vanessa Fischer

TORONTO (CUP) – When the most powerful leaders in the world meet in Alberta this summer, they say it will be a unique opportunity to address some of the world's pressing problems. But don't expect Sandra Carnegie-Douglas to be holding her breath.

"This meeting will be the next important movement where the dirty club comes together to play and reward the wealthy and intensify the inequalities between countries," the representative of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women said at a forum held late last month.

The forum addressed what she and many others say is a gap between what the government claims it will do and what will actually happen when representatives from eight powerful countries gather at the G8 summit in June.

"There is no question that the G8 are the most energetic prolific polluters in the world," said Greenpeace Executive Director Peter Tabuns. "These are the people setting the policies that are destroying the forests and the oceans of the world."

But the Canadian government said they're doing what's best for Canada.

"It is in the interest of Canadians that Canada participates in international discussions with its key partners," said Canadian G8 representative Michael O'Shaughnessy.

"G8 membership enables Canada to pursue its broad foreign and economic policy agenda and interests, and to help shape global developments on a range of issues, including responses to global crises."

Speakers at the forum rebutted that this commitment to global issues isn't worth much if Canada can't get it's own house in order – namely ensuring that those protesting the summit will have their legal and democratic rights protected.

Avvy Go, who works with an immigrant group, is especially concerned because the new anti-terrorism laws could be used to deport immigrants who protest against the G8. His concern was seconded by human rights lawyer Amina Sherazee, who said these bills are even more dangerous since police have already shown contempt for demonstrators at other protests. At the Summit of the Americas in Quebec City last April, for instance, demonstrators were shot with plastic bullets, a thick cloud of tear gas hung over the city for days and despite many testimonials of police wrongdoing, no inquiry was ever held.

Capt. J.M. Johnston, who is helping head up G8 security, would only say that the Calgary police, RCMP and many other agencies will work collaboratively to respond in a measured way to civil disobedience, protect the leaders and organizers of the Summit and to meet the many challenges that lie ahead.

Newfoundland proposes tuition cut

by Nadya Bell

> We've got a huge student debtload, [but] there's no imagination or creativity being used here.
> *Jack Harris, NDP leader*

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) – The Newfoundland government has pledged to ease the burden of pricey tuition fees for the province's university students.

The government announced $3.5 million in its provincial budget last Thursday to decrease the cost of university education. The government suggested the money be used to reduce tuition fees at Memorial University by 10 per cent – a drop of $297 per student each year.

The reduction would be the latest installment of the 25 per cent tuition decrease promised by Premier Roger Grimes during his leadership campaign last year.

Both Memorial University and student groups have praised the announcement.

"I'm very pleased that additional resources are being provided to help students with their financial difficulties," said Memorial President Axel Meisen.

Liam Walsh, chair of the provincial chapter of the Canadian Federation of Students, was also pleased. He said the government is following through with its promises for education.

"[Government] is starting to look at education as more of an asset and less of a liability," he said.

However, the tuition-fee decrease did not impress NDP leader Jack Harris.

"We've got a huge student debtload, [but] there's no imagination or creativity being used here. They're just continuing on with the reduction," he said.

Randy Collins, the NDP post-secondary education critic, said the tuition cuts did not go far enough to support rural students. He said government should be working toward free tuition.

However, the final decision on how the funds are spent will be made in a roundtable discussion between student leaders, university administrators and the government.

Memorial student union president Kirk Wiseman said students will be pushing for a tuition reduction in the upcoming discussions. He also said student groups will continue to lobby for the remaining five per cent reduction Grimes has promised.

Wiseman said he is disappointed, though, that the decrease is still not extended to international students.

He is also concerned that a roundtable discussion gives the university too much power over the spending on money that comes from public tax dollars.

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Well, first of all, the spoof issue goes with the internationally recognized token spoof day, April Fools. But that's not reason enough.

We did it so the staff wouldn't mutiny. That's always a concern this time of year after all the serious issues we've covered throughout the year. Staff get edgy. They start wandering around campus with their notebooks and cameras, twitching and muttering incoherent oaths.

We did it because our readers need a break. Don't they? What, did you think we'd run another protest story on the cover? Bah.

We did it because there was a *Martlet* spoof issue shaped vacuum in the universe. We just filled it. See? Was it as good for you as it was for us?

We did it because the University of Victoria needed this. It needed it like a giant herbal enema.

We're all too serious. Seriously. We need a laugh each year at this time like we need April Fools day.

The Martlet, contrary to popular belief, does not have something blunt jammed up any of our orifices. You can't accuse us of being pretentious. Just try. See. . . .

You can't, can you? Ha. Didn't think so.

To prove this to you, our loyal reader, we even gave you a few spoof practices in previous weeks.

We suggested that George W. Bush and Tony Blair deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. We're crazy. Loopy, in fact.

"Ding ding."

That's the noise we hear in our heads.

We even wrote about International Day for the Elimination of Racism. We suggested, in jest, that we would rather go home and watch *Temptation Island* than write about another token day.

A reader scolded us for our pseudo-intellectual pedantry and told us to get a real life and a real job. Silly reader. Silly yes. But we consider this a fantastic success and thank our reader.

Thank you reader. Thanks.

But we admit it may have been better if you'd read to the end and realized the cheeky tone of the article.

Really, all we, at *the Martlet* need is love. All we want is to share the inspiration that comes from sitting in front of computers under fluorescent lights in the basement of the SUB, inhaling toner and newsprint fumes, more than we sit in our classrooms, more than we sleep in our beds.

We're doing a spoof issue because we're over-tired, over-done, anxious, bursting at the seams and like everyone else, can't wait for this school year to be over so we can go and toss a frisbee, drink wine on the beach, masticate a mango, or, thanks to Turpin and Campbell, work our gold-tanned asses off to pay for school next year.

Besides, we didn't have any copy for a real issue.

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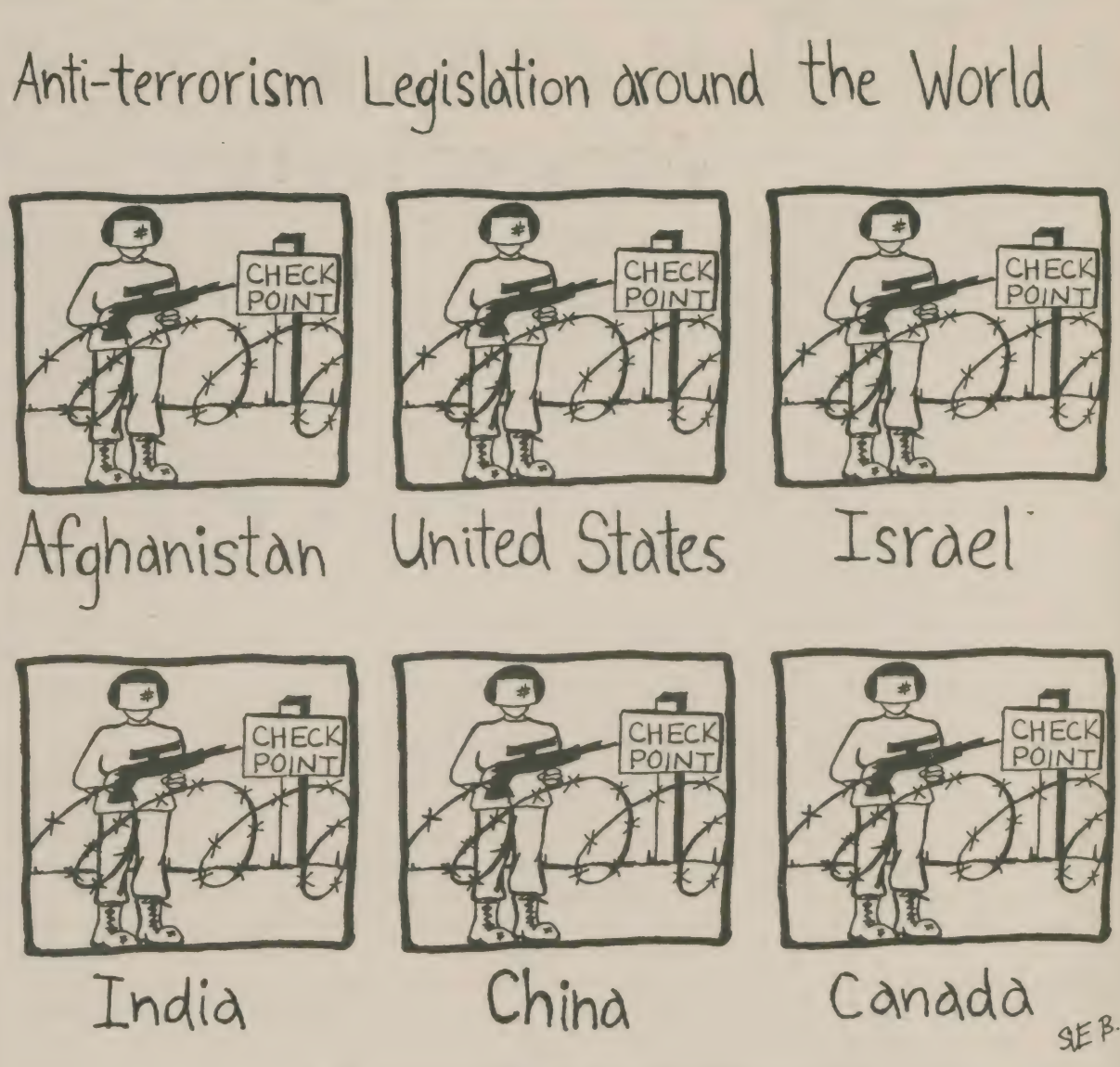

LETTERS

Making connections on campus

As the year comes to an end one cannot help but to look back. The last year has been memorable and impacting. From political protests to petty ideological squabbles, few have been immune. Now some may say that the campus has been divided. Some may go so far as falsely accusing myself for playing a role in the divisions. Divisions go only as far as oneself. We cannot be divided for we divide ourselves not others; they make their own choices. Differing opinions do not constitute divisions, they just make us human. Solidarity can be found in simple things, they need not be revolutionary. To say politics, or life for that matter, is either left or right, black or white ignores the diversity that has made the last year a triumph yet only the beginning. So now as we set out in many directions let us take the bridges we've built and remember the connections we've made over the last year. If you spend all your time looking at the divisions, you miss out on making the connections that bring us together as a university, and as people.

Lisa Karoway
Leader of the Student Opposition

SOAPBOX

Love, Texas style

by Lisa Helps

The soapbox was created so *Martlet* staff could go off on a tangent about something relevant, we hope, to more than just ourselves. A social commentary on a current event, an opinion, an idea, a dream.

In 32 issues so far this year I haven't yet taken advantage of this column but now, today, on this day after yesterday and before tomorrow, I'm claiming a space to write.

What could a lowly managing editor who lives most often in the realm of invoices, cheques, advertisements and yes, beer, possibly have to write about that could be relevant to more than just herself?

Love.

That over-used, over-loaded four letter word.

Love.

I used to think that I did not become myself until I loved for the first time (a 13-year old crush on an elementary school teacher). I thought that my self was inextricably tied to love. But I was wrong, or wrong at least in retrospect.

I used to be convinced that love could save the world, was sure that if we all just loved each other, loved the cashier at the grocery store, our profs, our classmates, our families and communities that somehow everything would be all right. And I'm not a cynic. I refuse to let go of that idealism coupled with enthusiasm that causes people to look at me with a slight head tilt, wondering perhaps how I got to where I am in this world.

Not a cynic, yet I've realized that love is complicated and complicating. I know now that love requires letting go, surrender, opening all the gates in the red field that is my heart and letting the cattle wander through at will.

dance in this place that I've been coming to for my entire life and then some. Unskilled sometimes we stepped on each other's toes. Got it all wrong. Left the dance floor with bumps and bruises, hovering in the shadows until we found each other again.

Yet in this place of wild abandon and possible becomings, on this dance floor, which is the floor of my life, I have learned to rest in your arms as you lead, as I lead, as we lead

> I've come to know a love that is so insidious that the arteries in my heart are coursing with love, delivering love via my cardiovascular system through my body.

Love requires trust and wild abandon. To love is easy perhaps, giving love, reaching out in love, making extensions, invitations, professing desires.

It's much more difficult, I think, to let love in, to open those aforementioned gates, to believe that we, each of us is sacred, worthy, deserving of love, simply (and complexly) because we are.

I did not know this.

I did not know this until I met you (addressed directly), until we began to together, learning where the self ends and where the other begins.

Now, today, with you, I've come to know a love that is so exquisite, so pervasive, so insidious that the arteries in my heart are coursing with love, delivering love via my cardiovascular system through my body, to my fingertips, my toes, exchanging love for oxygen on the mucousy surface of my lungs.

And now I know that love *can* save the world, if only because it has saved mine.

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STUDENT VOICE

Wary of hairy

by Alisson White

These days all I can think about is summer. Screw the month of April and the exams that will determine whether or not I have the privilege to come back to this fine institution (and pay 30 per cent more on top of it.) May is the month I adore, but with the summer sun comes a source of anxiety. "What's the big, hairy deal?" you might ask. And yet, that's just it. Hair is the issue at hand.

I started shaving my armpits and legs in grade seven, at the ripe old age of 12. After my first shaving experience, I remember the exhilaration of running my hands up and down my calf, remarking at how smooth and wonderful my legs felt. I'm not even sure what propelled this rash move that would make me a shave slave for the better part of a decade. I'm certain the fact that every other girl in my class used her Bic faithfully was a major influence. If my Guess jeans and my Ikeda sweatshirt wouldn't win me admirers, maybe my new and improved legs would.

Shaving became a part of my daily grooming routine; it was something I believed I had to do for the rest of my life. Or so it seemed until August 2000 when I just stopped shaving my legs. I wasn't subject to any sudden revelations, it was just something that I didn't ever quite get back to doing. Last May I was faced with a somewhat controversial decision: to shave or not to shave? I tried out the latter decision, with some hesitation. When my mom reacted with horror at the pelt covering my legs, and asked me why I was doing this, I responded with a defensive "I don't like shaving." But the more I thought about it, the clearer it became: for the majority of women shaving isn't an activity performed purely for pleasure. So why do we do it? I didn't have an answer, so I enlisted the help of other women and men through the means of a survey.

One of the questions I asked women was, "What factor(s) influenced you to begin shaving your body hair?" The responses included: "It's just something a woman does," "Out of cleanliness," "Everybody else is doing it," and "I want to feel mature." (Please note – I take exception to the notion that hair on men is perfectly hygienic but hair on women is equivalent to dirtiness and lack of grooming. Hypocritical? Very.) When asked if shaving was an activity they enjoyed, most women commented on how time-consuming shaving is, but that the end result – smooth skin – was well worth it.

A recurring motif in the answers of the women was mention of increased femininity. Numerous women said they felt more desirable when they had less hair on their bodies and that they might no longer have been considered attractive in the eyes of their boyfriends/partners if they did not shave. I think that desirability to the opposite sex is of key importance in this issue. In a culture where we are judged by whether or not we have boyfriends/girlfriends or husbands/wives, it is difficult to knowingly jeopardize this particular status by doing something out of the ordinary.

Most of my survey-takers believe that unshaved legs seemed more acceptable than visibly unshaved armpits. This question also shed substantial light on the bikini line discussion, the typical response being, "If you're going to wear a scanty bathing suit, then get rid of the hair down there." One very decisive woman responded with a resounding "Yeah, if you don't swim or have sex you don't need to shave your private parts." (Note to self: do not buy a swim pass.)

In my mind, the extreme discomfort with hairy bikini lines stems from the association of pubic hair with private parts. How can hair from these body areas ever be considered acceptable when any mention of our private parts is such a taboo subject?

One of the most important questions I asked both men and women was, "Do you think that women who do not shave can still be considered sexy and beautiful?" Even though more than 50 per cent of the women responded with "yes," a shocking number answered "NO." It was the 'nos' that had a profound effect on me. I like to think of the credentials for being considered sexy and beautiful along the lines of respectful, intelligent and funny so being eliminated from the "gorgeous" category on a purely superficial basis was devastating.

It was obvious that most women believe that men view hairy women in a negative manner: as unhygienic and unattractive. While many men responded that women who don't shave can still be considered sexy and beautiful, I remain unconvinced that this is the case, based on reactions I have personally received along with others I have witnessed. I wonder if their reactions would hold true if they were face to face with a woman wearing a tank top and a mini skirt, flaunting hairy armpits and legs.

So why do women shave certain body areas? We do it to conform to cultural and societal expectations. We do it because we, and those we are intimate with, prefer the feeling of "soft, silky skin." We do it because we don't want to be ridiculed or stared at. We do it because that's what is expected of us, living in North America.

If I have given you the impression that I think shaving should be abolished and we should all walk around swapping armpit hair braiding techniques, my message is being misinterpreted. I have nothing against shaving. It is deceitful to say that I will never shave my legs again because in all honesty, when my shorts come out of the closet in May and my white hairy legs hit the pavement, I'll be tempted to run back home and lock myself in the bathroom with my Bic.

I feel obliged to take a stand on this matter, however, because there is a larger issue at hand. What I crave is to be accepted, loved and regarded as sexy, whether or not I conform to what Cosmopolitan says is beautiful. As a society we need to actively start challenging the unwritten rules that marginalize people and redirect the way we respond to unusual situations.

Make whichever choice is right for you but remain open to the decision other people will make and regard them as healthy and perfectly acceptable too.

INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES

So you say you want a referendumb...

by Robert Drinkwater

Hello out there, allow myself to introduce myself: My name is Robert Drinkwater, I am chief of the proud and mighty Shis'ka Nation. We are not a modest people, but what we lack in modesty we make up for in greatness. . . .

I am the leader of a one-man band, we call ourselves Pretty Bum Style. When we've gathered enough spare change on the street corners we hope to someday release our debut cd which will be entitled *Status Card Sold Separately*.

I've written a song about our good buddy Gordon Campbell, it goes a little somethin' like this:

REFERENDUMB
(aka – Ode To Gordzilla) – Pretty Bum Style

You say you want a referendumb
Well, y'know, Campbell wants to rule the world
He wants to throw away the constitution
Well, y'know, it makes me wanna hurl
He's makin a mockery of democracy
Why in the hell can't ya just let us be?
Don't y'know it's gonna be alright
Alright, alright. . . .

You say ya got a real solution
Well, y'know, we'd all love to see the plan
He's attacking west coast First Nations
Well, y'know, this is our home and Native land
I can see through your hidden agenda
All I can tell you is you're a rotten fella

Don't y'know it's gonna be alright
Alright, alright. . . .

He won't listen to valid opinions
Well, y'know, we're gonna make our voices heard
He hasn't given any valid reason
For this scam, the whole idea is absurd
The day you recognize Aboriginal rights
You'll be left with on less short sight

Don't y'know it's gonna be alright
Alright, alright. . . .
(Etc.)

So there ya go, if you haven't figured it out by now, this song is played to the tune of a Beatles song called Revolution (as a self-proclaimed master of satire, I like to "borrow" a lot of stuff). I'll be performing this song as part of the UVic Native Student's Union's Indigenous Rhythms coming up on April 6. It'll be at the Grad Student Society Building and doors open at 5:30 p.m. I'm fourth on the list of presenters for the evening, so come and check it out if you wanna hear this song and more. I will also be performing this particular song on April 20 (Referendum Block Party, keep yer eyes and ears peeled for details from the Block the Referendumb Coalition). Gilakas'la.

did you realize that
this is the
penultimate
issue of *the Martlet*?

but!

there really is no need to worry. we'll be around in the summer, just less freqently. and then we'll be back at it again in september.

AND WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

bandFEST rocks on at Legends

by Anne Larrass

On April 1, Zappnin Black and IRIS, two local rock bands, entered the seventh of eight shows in the quarterfinals hosted at Legends. You would think that with such an event on an otherwise slow night the dance floor would be filled with at least a few screaming groupies. But the music was bad, the sound poor and the whole event weakly promoted. Legends remained painfully empty.

Zappnin Black pulled off an ear-splitting show with little musicality and originality. Granted, their drummer, Donnie Black, displayed great confidence and interacted well with the small crowd. Without his skill, the overall performance would have been a total flop.

Nevertheless, Johnny Black, lead guitar and singer of Zappnin Black, is thankful for the exposure. To him "the contest is secondary."

Jonathan Williams, lead guitarist of IRIS, said that "it's been extremely exciting" for him and the band.

"It's been really enjoyable to meet other artists and to [hear] other people's music." He added that bandFEST also encourages beginning to intermediate musicians to "learn their chops." Bands who don't make it far in the contest still take advantage of the critique to improve their songs.

"The competitive atmosphere encourages you to work hard," Williams added.

But even though bandFEST claims to showcase a diverse range of talent, the diversity was not apparent that night.

Semifinals will be on April 9 and 10 at Legends, followed by the grand finale on April 19 at the same venue. If you're interested in exploring a cross section of Victoria's musical talent, try to make it to at least one of the shows. Even if the band sucks, you can say that you've done your best to support Victoria's music industry. You might want to take some ear plugs; the sound is generally bad at Legends.

photo by Graham Winterbottom

Black brothers Johnny and Tommy display great confidence on stage, entertaining the few groupies attending the show Monday night at Legends.

The life of a king (and queen)

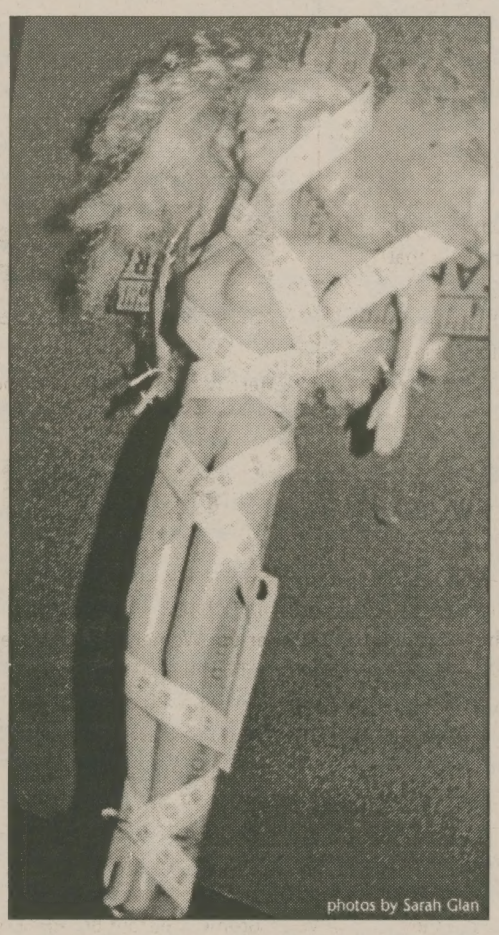
by Elianna Lev

If *Priscilla Queen of the Desert* and *To Wong Foo* are your only resource when it comes to drag, then the Queer Youth art show at the YM/YWCA was the place to be on Friday, March 29.

The exhibit was organized by the queer youth group SEXY, and displayed work by youth from the group. It featured queer-themed photography, paintings and a sculpture of Barbie crucified on a ruler with measuring tape. The show was also a leadway to *Third Antenna*, a documentary about the "radical nature of drag," produced and directed by Olympia-based Hellery Homosex and Freddie Fagula.

"We wanted to put out a new idea about drag for people who have seen [the] show," said Fagula. "If you're not familiar [with drag shows] it's still going to be accessible and entertaining."

The 90-minute film was a series of interviews and performances by drag queens and kings from around North America. A strong focus of the film was to shine a light on drag kings, who generally don't get a lot of attention in the drag circuit. Fagula and Homosex, who are both drag kings, wanted to change that.



photos by Sarah Glan

"I think it's a really good idea to make movies about yourself and your community," said Fagula.

Homosex and Fagula are kicking off a cross-country roadtrip in April to promote their film.

Campus culture calendar

VISUAL ARTS

UVic Alumni Show
Recent works by UVic visual arts alumni (BFAs 1963 - 1993). So what are they doing now? Opening reception Thursday, April 4, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Exhibit from April 2 - June 13 @ Maltwood Art Museum and McPherson Library Gallery.

Attack of the Student Films
Writing 320 students show off their final film projects. David Strong Building, Rm. 103. 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. Free admission.

WRITING

Graduating Writers
Community Festival event organized by UVic's Department of Writing: readings from tomorrow's Can Lit stars. Sunday, April 7, 7 p.m. @ the Belfry Theatre. Free admission.

MUSIC

Fridaymusic
School of Music brass students perform in a programme for various instruments. Friday, April 5, 12:30 p.m. @ Phillip T. Young Recital Hall. Admission by donation.

Violin Class Recital
Students from the class of Ann Elliott-Goldschmid perform works from the violin repertoire on Friday, April 5, 4 p.m. @ Phillip T. Young Recital Hall.

University of Victoria Chorus and Orchestra
Conducted by János Sándor, the chorus and orchestra perform music by Georg Friedrich Händel and Anton Bruckner on Saturday, April 6, 8 p.m. @ University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. Admission: $12, $8 for students.

Graduating Recital
Robin Tosczak (percussion) presents her Bachelor of Music graduating recital on Wednesday, April 10, 8 p.m. @ MacLaurin Building - B125. Free admission.

Greater Victoria Youth Orchestra Concert and Reception
UVic music students join young musicians from the community in an orchestra fundraiser, Friday, April 12, 8 p.m. @ University Centre Farquhar Auditorium. Admission: $16, $8 for students.

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CD REVIEWS

Long Beach Dub AllStars
Wonders Of The World

by Jeff Andrew

Who doesn't love a good party album? Think of records like Bob Marley's *Legend* or the Chili Peppers' *BloodSugarSexMagik*. Throw them on and right away everyone is in a good mood, whether they know the words or not. These days, though, albums like this are hard to find. In fact, the last good one I can think of was the self-titled Sublime disc, which is now more than five years old.

Fortunately, the Long Beach Dub AllStars (LBDA) have made such an album. *Wonders Of The World* is a mixed bag of hip-hop, reggae, dub, raging punk rock and all-round good songs designed to pump up any situation involving kegs and rolling papers. There's nothing too deep here, just an hour's worth of solid tunes that feel great to listen to.

The songs, which overflow with keyboards, percussion, funky samples and cool bass licks, are anchored by former Sublime rhythm section Eric Wilson and Bud Gaugh. Sublime guru the late Brad Nowell's presence is all over the music on this record, but LBDA mercifully refrains from eulogizing him in the lyrics. Instead, they do his legacy justice with a kickin' record full of great party tunes.

So the next time you're chilling out at a friend's place toss *Wonders Of The World* on the stereo and crank it. Then just grab a beer, sit back and dig the good vibes.

Ryan Adams
Gold

by Jeff Andrew

It's funny how some music works best at a specific time of day. Rock and roll at the start of the night, to rev you up for a party. Good country music seems to hit its peak right around noon. Throw on Miles Davis or John Coltrane around dinnertime, or if you're watching the sun set with a bottle of wine. Pink Floyd never sounds right until well after midnight, when the blackness of the night makes the dark side of the moon seem all the more real.

Ryan Adams plays afternoon music. His songs sound best right around 3 o'clock, when the sky is blue and the midday sun feels just about perfect. The tunes are simple but written with an honesty and earnestness that is sorely lacking in most of today's music. He has a country-ish feel to him, in the strummed acoustics, pedal steel and laid-back singing style that define his songs, but don't get him wrong. He may be from Nashville, but this ain't young country. He sounds more like Bob Dylan in the mid-70s, but with a lot more lead guitar. To put it simply, he writes great songs, the kind that grow slowly in your mind each time you hear them until they're burned into your consciousness.

And *Gold* is a killer album. Sixteen songs and not a bad one in the bunch. At least half of them deserve to become classics. Adams's songs, and the way he sings them, make you feel good about life. Sort of the way Tom Petty does. Give him a spin while you're making lunch or if you've got a break between classes. He'll put a whole new shine on your day.

Rough Rider III
in tha "R" we trust

by Matt Bigelow

An amalgamation of today's poster boys and girls in commercial rap, this disc is a load of bear shit. Track after track of abrasive electronic drums and soulless repetitive melodies composed on high-tech synthesizers makes the production even worse than the rapping. It's basically a marketing ploy that gives a taste of all that is wrong within the hip-hop community.

Lowest of the Low
nothing short of a bullet

by Matt Bigelow

A two-disc compilation, one live and one studio, this album is both good and bad. The songs on the live cd have riff-oriented guitars, fast drumming and emotional singing. The songs are catchy, but revolve around the same structures: fast punk/rock 'n roll songs and slow ballads. The fast songs don't take the listener anywhere and the slow songs sound contrived. It's fun at first but it reminds me of what a 14-year-old would listen to after getting teased in the locker room for having a small dick. The studio disc sounds like bad bar rock, with vocals that are annoying rather than passionate. It's good Emo, but from a non-Emo perspective, it's a rock trend that won't last another two years.

UVic soccer finds consolation in annual Spring Cup

by Ruth Knoop

On Easter Sunday, while most people were either sitting in church or hunting for Easter eggs, the Vikes men's and women's soccer teams were busy playing in the consolation finals for this year's Keg Spring Cup.

That's right. The consolation final. What happened?

Last week both Josée Bureau, head coach for the women, and Bruce Wilson, head coach for the men, had their sights set on first place.

So you can imagine my surprise when I showed up at Centennial Stadium around 1:00 p.m. to find that the men were on the field and that the women had already played that morning.

I guess I put a little too much faith in our soccer teams.

But, it turns out that faith can be restored a little bit. While each of UVic's teams missed the finals by one goal during Saturday's play – the men against Concordia, the women against SFU – they were both victorious in Sunday's games.

But, what makes Sunday's victories even sweeter is that they were both over UBC. Both teams said goodbye to post-season action earlier this year because of losses to the rival Thunderbirds.

The women finished the season in fifth spot, when UBC won their last game against Lethbridge and claimed fourth place. Only the top four teams advanced to the Canada West Championships.

As for the men, they lost a gruelling battle by a score of 1-0 to the Thunderbirds at the Canada West Final. UBC then went on to finish second at the CIS National Championships, while the Vikes stayed home.

While some might consider this weekend a loss for the Vikes, Wilson does not.

"It was a very competitive weekend. We always try to get the top teams, and we succeeded," said Wilson. "We [men's and women's teams] both beat UBC, which was great. They are definitely a rival and it is always good to beat them."

The women outplayed the Thunderbirds and won the game by a score of 2-0. Liz Hansen and Melanie Findlater scored goals.

As for the men, they beat UBC 2-1. Alex Long and Chad Kalyk netted the ball for UVic, while Steve Dickinson scored the only goal for UBC.

As for the finals, the Alberta Pandas defeated SFU 3-0 in the women's final and the male Clan from SFU trounced Concordia 2-1.

This weekend was also one of goodbyes.

Kelly Nicholson played her last game as a Vike, as did Nico Craveiro.

"It has been a very good experience," said Craveiro. "I have put in a lot of time here and it has paid off. It is bittersweet. I am sad to leave the team but look forward to the future."

And just what does the future hold for this young talent?

"I have one more year of schooling, and then I hope to go to Vancouver and play for the Whitecaps with my cousin Chris."

Good luck to both Nicholson and Craveiro. Thanks for everything that you have contributed to the Vikes.

As for the Vikes, good luck next year, bring home the gold and leave the headbands behind.

INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL

photo by Graham Winterbottom

Here we have Intramural basketball. What could be better?

Mad props abound for annual Vikes' awards banquet

by Iain McLetchie

It's that time of year again.

The time of year when the entire UVic athletic program spends a night at the Empress to reflect on the past year in sports and honour the Vikes' individual and team achievements.

Here at *the Martlet*, however, we do things a little differently. We make up our own rules as we go along and stop long enough to acknowledge the runners up.

Top Performance, Male: Jerry Ziak, cross country.

Ziak was named CIS cross-country MVP, as well as First-Team All-Canadian in Track. He's currently running for Canada at the World University Cross-Country Championships in Spain.

Runner-up: John Stamhuis, swimming.

The 2002 CIS 100 & 200 Breast stroke Champion was recently named to the 2002 Commonwealth Games Team.

Top performance, Female: Andrea Rushton, field hockey.

Rushton earned CIS Field Hockey MVP, CIS tournament all-star and also played for Canada at the World Championships in September.

Runner-up: Sarah Hanna, rugby.

Hanna was named as Canada West and CIS MVP during a stellar season.

Top Team, Male: Men's Rugby.

The lads have spent the entire season near the top of the B.C. Rugby Union standings and have sent players to compete for Canada (Pat Bickerton, Matt Cohen). They also looked hot in a black-and-white calendar.

Runner-up: Men's Basketball.

Despite a myriad of injuries, the Vikes shocked then top-ranked Alberta to make it to the Great Eight tournament in Halifax, where they narrowly lost their first-round match to top-ranked Western Ontario.

Top Team, Female: Women's Cross-Country.

The running ladies won their fourth consecutive CIS title and sent Liz Ramage and Larissa Managh to the World University Cross-Country Championships.

Runner-up: Women's Field Hockey.

Another title run from the Vikes saw them come up a bit short at Nationals, where they finished third.

Best First-Year performer, Male: Connor Grimes, field hockey.

Grimes is a member of the Junior National team and was key in the Vikes' promotion from BC First Division to the Premier League for next season.

Runner-up: Orlando Fergusson, basketball.

Fergusson was named Canada West Rookie of the Year, and also threw down some of the best dunks seen in McKinnon Gym in many-a-year.

Best First-Year performer, Female: Danielle Bell, swimming.

Bell has ripped it up in the pool for the Vikes, winning the 800 freestyle at the Commonwealth Games Trials and thereby securing a national team berth for the 2002 Commonwealth Games.

Runner-up: Liz Hansen, soccer.

Hansen scored a season total of eight goals for the Vikes women, who narrowly missed the playoffs.

Best duo: Keith Bustard and Sandy Bisaro, men's basketball.

The two lads from Kits High carried the basketball team all year. Bustard was named an honourable-mention All-Canadian. Bisaro wasn't mentioned. They got shafted.

Those honoured at the Annual Vikes' Athletic Awards Banquet April 2 include:

Outstanding Athlete of the Year
Kevin Light, men's rowing
Andrea Rushton, women's field hockey

President's Cup
Jon Mandick, men's rowing

Robert T. Wallace Shield
Danielle Bell, women's swimming
Liz Hansen, women's soccer

Martlet Athletic Award
Tom Larisch, men's rugby

Outstanding Manager Award
Chris Hindmarch-Watson, swimming

Publisher's Award
Brent Avender, men's soccer

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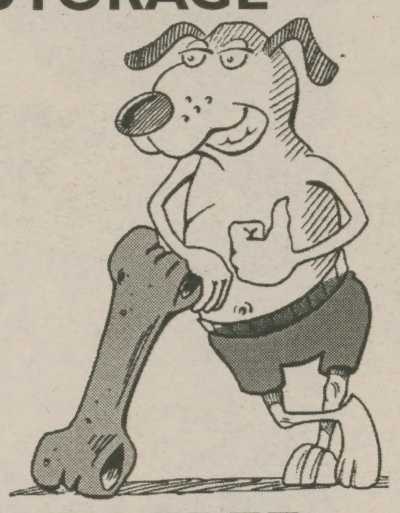
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Join us for an exploration of "Alternatives to the War on Drugs" – a public forum on illicit drug use. It is time to explore the cost of this war and to explore alternative approaches. Admission and lunch: FREE! Panelists include MP Libby Davies. **Saturday, April 6,** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Rm A240 in the Human and Social Development Building, UVic.

OFF CAMPUS

"Rainshadow Wilderness on the Edge" – Slide show and discussion on the future of Lillooet's spectacular Rainshadow Wilderness under the B.C. government's new era of land use planning. Please join Bill Spencer, Yalakom Ecological Society, and Bill Wareham, Sierra Club of B.C., at St. Ann's Academy Auditorium, 835 Humboldt Street, **Thursday, April 4,** 7 to 9:30 p.m. Free Admission ($5 suggested donation). For information please call Nikko at the Sierra Club of British Columbia at 386-5255 ext. 206.

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Love you Lisa. Let's have a splendid birthday.

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The second to last *Martlet*. Sweet muth-fucking finally. Yes. My head feels like blah.

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Nova Scotia to spend less on student jobs

by Jennifer Henderson

HALIFAX (CUP) – The summer job search for university students in Nova Scotia just got tougher.

The provincial government recently announced its funding for the Provincial Employment Program and the $3.47 million figure is $1.2 million less than in previous years.

"Because we are determined to balance the budget, we took a very close look at this program, just as we've looked at virtually every other provincial expenditure. The proposed budget for this program enables us to continue providing a valuable training resource in the context of our current fiscal realities," said Economic Development Minister Gordon Balser.

The province's employment program subsidizes a portion of the wage cost for employers such as non-profit agencies that otherwise may not have the resources to hire summer help. Mary Anna Jollymore, Economic Development spokesperson, said the drop in available jobs will not be as dramatic as students may fear.

She predicts the numbers of positions created by the employment program will decrease from 1,900 or 1,800 to 1,500.

"We do consider 200 or 300 jobs . . . significant, but we know that even 1,800 or 1,900 overall is still not all of the jobs needed in the province," Jollymore said.

Grant Schellenberg of the Canadian Policy Research Network takes a different view. His organization has done a study on student aid and access to post-secondary education and Schellenberg believes the tough financial realities students face make access to part-time employment a priority in their lives.

"Given rising tuition and increasing debtload, and given the increasing time it takes to pay back those debts, summer employment is definitely more important than ever."

Jollymore defends the $1.2-million cut to the program as simply a necessary part of a overall government belt-tightening initiative.

"The Economic Development department does not have a whole lot of programs. We don't have a big budget. There are not a lot of places you can cut back, but we have to do our part."

She deflects criticism that limiting a program that provides employment to university students shows the low priority the Nova Scotia government places on post-secondary education.

"At the end of the day your choices are to cut the program or cut it back. That it's continuing is an indication of how important and valuable the [employment] program is," she said.